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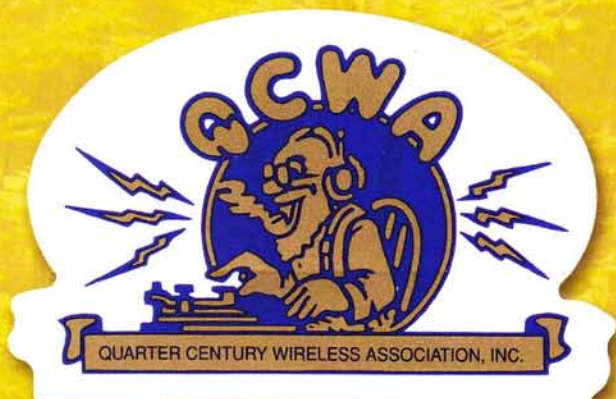


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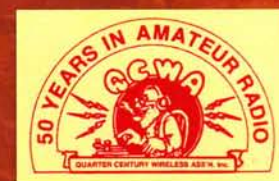
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**This month's cover:** Shown is an example of two historic technologies – a steam engine driving an early electric generator. The steam engine is an Armington & Sims (behind the power panel), delivered to the Hartford Electric Light Company in 1883. The electric generator, to the left of the panel, was manufactured by the Thomson-Houston Electric Company. The combination of the steam engine, 50 Horsepower, and the generator were able to power 28 lights! Thomas Edison and Henry Ford used Armington & Sims engines in various locations; they both thought

highly of the engine. This engine was donated to the NEWSM by the Henry Ford Museum. Manning the panel, in the photo to the left, is QCWA Member and Curator of New England Wireless and Steam Museum, Bob Merriam, W1NTE. Photos by General Manager, Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD, taken at the New England Wireless and Steam Museum, E. Greenwich, RI (www.newsm.org).

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## FALL 2009

The 2009 QCWA Cruise Convention will be here before you know it. It leaves from Ft Lauderdale on October 24th. Check the latest Journal or the QCWA website for more details. Fair Winds and Following Seas!

We had a fairly successful outing at Dayton this year. We signed up some new members, renewed a few existing ones and held our Annual Members Meeting in a forum room on Sunday morning. Next year we'll have a forum about QCWA and hope to attract a few new members.

The second half of the 53rd Annual QCWA QSO Party is on September 19th. Look for the rules in the Journal or on the QCWA website at <http://www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm>. Be sure to fill in all the columns of the log you submit and that it contains all the columns it should have. One change this year is the addition of QSOnet (CQ100) software defined VoIP Radio. This is a separate category and will operated only on a portion of the 10 meter band. Some will say this isn't real radio. It's as real as it gets for our members who have downsized and are living in apartments or nursing homes or where there are antenna restrictions. This is a logical way to provide a way for all our members to participate. In the future we will be looking at Echolink and Skype to see if they fit our contest rules. Cu on the air.

The QCWA Board bids a fond adieu to Director Joan Powell, VE3ZC, who tendered her resignation. Although only in her first term, Joan was an active and energetic member of your Board of Directors and will be missed by all of us. Keep in touch, Joan, and take care.

Let me introduce Ken Simpson, W8EK, the newest QCWA Director. Ken lives in Ocala, FL and spends a lot of time helping all the chapters in Florida. I look forward to working with Ken to keep QCWA one of the finest organizations any Ham can belong to.

73 de NØUF op Bob Roske tu ..  
QCWA President

### **2010 Election Nominating Committee Report**

According to our Constitution and Bylaws, the QCWA President is required to appoint a biannual Nominating Committee in order to seek out qualified candidates for Officers and members of the Board of Directors. QCWA President, Bob Roske, NØUF, made those appointments in 2008, with a reminder that a report of the Nominating Committee was due in the hands of the General Manager as of June 15, 2009. The QCWA members appointed to the Nominating Committee consisted of: Ken Simpson, W8EK, Chair; Pierre Mainville, VA3PM; and Howard Cunningham, WB5DBC.

The Nominating Committee wishes to report that it has completed its assignment as of June 1, 2009, and hereby submits the following names to the General Manager (All have agreed to serve if elected) for follow-up biographical data and management of the election process:

#### **For Board Officers:**

For President: Mr. Bob Roske, NØUF • For Vice-President: Mr. Ken Oelke, VE6AFO • For Secretary: Mr. Walt Supina, N3WS • For Treasurer: Mr. Frank Harris, WA4PAM • **For the Board of Directors (eight to be elected - listed in alphabetical order)** Mr. Le Roy Baldwin, W0OFY • Mr. Howard Cunningham, WD5DBC • Mr. Val Erwin, W5PUT • Mr. Gary Harrison, K0BC • Mr. Tony Hirsch, W8RSH • Mr. Pierre Mainville, VA3PM • Mr. Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO • Mr. Ken Simpson, W8EK • Mr. Robert Smith, KK3P • Mr. Ernie "Skip" Swenson, WB6WA.

Others may be nominated by submitting a 25-member Petition for Office or Board membership. (See excerpt from the By-laws below.) Respectively submitted. Messrs. Simpson (chair), Cunningham, and Mainville.

**NOTE:** The following is from the By-laws, Article VI, Nominations and Elections, Section 4: "Nominations of Officers and Director candidates may be submitted by the membership by petition signed by at least 25 members in good standing. Such petitions shall be received by the General Manager by December 15th of the appropriate year. Upon receipt of such a petition, the General Manager shall, upon verifying the validity of the petition and the eligibility of the candidates, cause the names of the candidates to be placed on the ballot along with those submitted by the Nominating Committee. Publication of the list of all eligible candidates shall be made in the spring issue of The QCWA Journal."



## The Quarter Century Wireless Association

**The Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.** was founded December 5, 1947, as a non-commercial association of radio amateurs organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation, for the establishment and advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare.

QCWA is an incorporated association without capital stock chartered under the laws of the State of New York, and is a tax exempt 501(C)3 organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Its affairs are governed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Directors, whose voting members are elected every two years by the general membership.

In order to qualify for membership in QCWA one must have demonstrable proof of having been first licensed as an Amateur Radio operator at least 25 years prior to application for membership and must be currently licensed. Membership inquiries and general correspondence should be addressed to the business office at P.O. Box 3247, Framingham, MA 01705-3247 U.S.A.

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## Lost Member....Column!

by Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO "Lost Member" Committee Chair.



**I continue to look for concerns and issues related to QCWA and associated with your individual and/or chapter membership.**

Those concerns and issues are probably not unique to your situation. Sharing, through this column, may be most beneficial to others experiencing similar dilemmas. Jointly we can explore ways to resolve these problems so all may ultimately learn.

I would like to begin by inviting the membership to join us on the QCWA open reflector. Start by accessing the following web site:

<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/qcwa>.

This site is self explanatory for subscribing to the

QCWA open reflector. The main goal of this reflector is to allow the exchange of ideas and information related to QCWA and Amateur Radio. At times there are heated exchanges of ideas with flaming retorts, but mostly it provides the opportunity for our QCWA membership to request and exchange information on a daily or even hourly basis. And if the topic of discussion is not of your interest, just hit the delete button and wait for a subject closer to your liking to appear.

There is another, closed QCWA reflector for Chapter Presidents and Secretaries, and Board Member use. Its main purpose is to exchange the mundane Chapter/Headquarters information needed daily or weekly without the time and cost of regular postal service mailings,

Each reflector serves a need. We would like to up the membership on the open reflector from the current 300 users to 3000. And get all the Chapter Presidents and Secretaries active on the closed reflector. One does not need a computer and home Internet access to participate in this endeavor. Most of us live within easy driving distance from a public library that offers free Internet access. There are several sources that provide free email addresses and storage of email. One I use is gmail.com provided by the search engine Google. Simply go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and click on to the link Gmail. Use your Ham call i.e. wa9jmo@gmail.com for your email address and pick a password that is easy for you to remember and then head over to the open reflector site (<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/qcwa>) to sign up for this service. Many QCWA Chapters use the open reflector to announce their Chapter meetings, to invite travelers that might be the area to stop and share a meal and meet with fellow QCWA members.

I enjoy traveling by auto and like the opportunity to visit with chapters whenever I can. If you would like to have a Board Member visit your chapter, present some awards, and perhaps do a program for your meeting, let me know. If possible and with enough advance notice, I, or another Board Member, might be available to visit with your group. Please let us know what you are planning and when, so we can be of possible assistance in your event.

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# GENERAL MANAGER'S Report

Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD



## FALL 2009

**ARRL-QCWA MOU** — As General Manager, I have been in contact with my counterpart at ARRL to determine what activities the two organizations can jointly and effectively participate in. One area that has been identified has been to provide commentary support to any rule changes proposed to the Amateur Radio Service regulations, within our non-profit legal constraints. Others are under review and will be announced when finalized.

Discussions with the "Radio Amateurs of Canada, Inc." organization are continuing with the goal of a similar Memo of Understanding between the two organizations.

**ELECTION 2010** — Congratulations, and thank you to the candidates who will be running for office next year! The report from the Nomination Committee is posted on page 3. Ballots will be in the mail by April and will need to be returned to the tellers in July 2010. A brief biography will be posted in the spring 2010 Journal. Additional candidates may have their names added to the ballot by submitting a petition to the General Manager, signed by twenty-five members in good standing, by December 15th of this year (2009).

**MEMBER DIRECTORY** — The 2009 Membership Directory, listing active members as of June 30, 2009, has been posted on the QCWA web page. This issue has been restructured in that the files for the Constitution, By-laws, QCWA History, list of Charter Members and the winners of the various named and QCWA Silent Key scholarships, included in past issues, are all now available on the web. When the Directory was initially issued, the printed Directory was the source for members of these documents. You will find them listed under the INFO tab on the web page.

73, Chuck, K1IGD

## Board of Directors Meeting Englewood Ohio, May 14, 2009

Present were President Roske, NOUF; Vice President Oelke, VE6AFO; Secretary Supina, N3WS; Directors Baldwin, W0OFY; Harrison, WB0OUM; Hirsch, W8RSH; McCalvy, WA9JMO; Pasternak, WA6ITF; and Yoder, W3YMB. Those absent included Treasurer Harris, WA4APM; Director Powell, VE3ZC; and Director Erwin, W5PUT; who advised he would be a little late because of flight delays.

President Roske called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The list of email motions made since the VA Beach meeting was approved as amended. The motions made at the May 14, 2009 meeting were:

1. Names of meeting attendees (October 8, 2008 Board meeting) to be added to the list of motions made since the VA Beach meeting. Passed with one abstention.
2. The Directors Guide is to be an open document. Passed with one abstention.
3. To change the Directors Guide, Section 8, Board Meetings, 10th paragraph after the first sentence "A copy of the full Board Meeting Minutes will be made available to members." Passed with 2 abstentions.
4. QCWA solicit a chapter to hold a convention. The motion failed. The consensus was that nothing precluded a chapter offering to hold a convention.

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

1. President Roske noted that 3 chapters run VHF links where repeater is connected to Echolink. He also remarked that Chapter 70 is experimenting with a net on CQ100 (software/VOIP, non RF)..
2. Vice President Oelke remarked that according to the Bylaws he had not much to do in the way of relieving the President. Since the Directors Guide states that only Directors may serve as a chair or member of any of the standing committees, VP Oelke believed the Vice President does not have much to do at board meetings. He did offer his thoughts on several topics:
  - a. Membership growth-the members of the Board can only do so much. The network of QCWA Chapters has much greater potential for person-to-person contact.
  - b. Financial Growth-QCWA expenses are greater than income; dues are too low.
3. Secretary Supina reported that the duties specified in the Bylaws had been performed, supplying minutes to all members of the board and a summary to the Journal. In addition he maintained the official version of the Directors Guide.

## GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Each year the General Manager mails to all Chapter Secretaries a list of chapter members and a request for an annual report. Chapter 72 has disbanded and Chapter 181 has been listed as inactive. Stan Vandiver, W4SV, has reactivated Chapter 36. Thirty-three 75-Year Certificates have been awarded. The summer 2009 Journal has an order form for a new item for members...an engraved plaque with QCWA logo, member's call sign and the year of first license. Two estate distributions are still pending.

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## 53rd Annual QSO Party Results

Please note: The rules for the QSO Party can be found on the QCWA website at:  
<http://www.qcwa.org/2007-qso-party-rules.htm>

### QCWA April 2009 QSO Party - MIXED

Call	Name	Chapter	CW QSO's	Phone QSO's	Mixed Pts.	Tot. Score
K4BAI	John	GA	66	3	135	6750
VE4AHZ	Jack	70	20	2	42	882
K7VQ	Dick	85	19	1	39	624
W300J	Mac	5	17	3	37	592
W7MC	Sergei	16	8	7	23	345
W7LR	Bob	104	10	3	23	276
W3HH	Doug	62	7	2	16	144
NA4C	Vollie	105	3	5	11	110
KR4VS	Marty	62	4	3	11	77

### QCWA April 2009 QSO Party - PHONE

Call	Name	Chapter	QSO's	Tot. Score
WB2FAU	Stella	196	227	12258
N7VF	Norman	AZ	195	11505
W8EK	Ken	62	61	2562
NC4ER	Ed	91	68	2516
K4SUS	Tom	49	46	1472
W3UQH	Duane	31	46	920
K2SST	Ronnie	76	21	399
WD8E	Francis	212	20	380
NR8LL	Bob	212	22	352
K1MQ	Gary	149	20	300
WB8GIP	Jim	195	16	192
W8WVM	Arnold	30	11	121
AI4GR	Michael	76	10	100
N5LUL	Brad	141	8	80
K8IZK	Robert	OH	7	63
VE3NPC	Clare	70	6	36
W2OD	Bob	138	6	36
N2GT	Sterling	138	6	36
W2YE	Richard	91	4	24
VE3HKG	Frances	70	4	16
WQ6CWA	Chuck	213	4	16
NZ1D	Bill	FL	4	16
W4DK	Duke	76	5	15
WA0GEM	Lester	110	3	9
W4VZ	Arthur	12	2	4
K4IJK	Janice	112	1	1
KG6YPH	Carrol	CA	1	1
W4JHU	Alexander	VA	1	1

#### Headquarters Station

W2MM				
	Ed, W9NVK	119	33	858
	Willie, KA9QMM			
	Larry, WA9JMO			
	Dan, KA9OIL			

#### Summary paragraph-Please include with log

##### QSO's

CW (Digital) \_\_\_\_\_ X 2

Phone Contacts \_\_\_\_\_ X 1

Total Contact Points

Multipliers

Total Score = (A x B)

##### CONTACT POINTS

= \_\_\_\_\_

= \_\_\_\_\_

= \_\_\_\_\_ (A)

= \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

= \_\_\_\_\_

Category: CW/Digital [ ] Phone [ ] Mixed [ ]

## QCWA April 2009 QSO Party - CW / DIGITAL

Call	Name	Chapter	QSO's	Tot. Score
W3CP	Jim	OR	95	10070
WB4DCM	Charles	126	70	6580
N4ARO	Dick	182	65	5720
W2KQ	Joe	138	68	5712
W1DV	Dave	NY	67	5494
N6SL	Ben	62	65	5200
AA5KV	John	85	61	5124
AB2N	Arnold	138	58	4408
K3CKT	Jim	MD	49	3528
K1AA	Norm	45	43	3354
VE3OBU	Bert	73	45	3150
W6RWI	James	169	39	2730
K5ME	Bob	TX	44	2640
VE3BNO	George	70	40	2320
W8FN	Randy	72	34	2040
W2XYZ	Frank	138	34	1836
W6HV	Troy	130	25	1150
K3QC	Tad	196	26	1092
N3WS	Walt	203	24	960
W6HG	Hugh	130	22	748
K8IJ	Charlie	KY	19	646
W4YOK	Tom	TX	17	612
AD5MH	Dave	63	16	544
W8IM	Dean	217	12	312
K3TX	Dave	5	12	288
W4ZPR	Jack	119	11	286
W4YE	Buddy	202	12	240
K3MD	John	PA	10	180
W9HR	Al	162	8	144
XM2AWR	Serge	QC	6	84
W4DGJ	George	126	6	72
VA3ZBB	Rod	70	8	64
K2HY	Harold	62	4	32
VE3XK	Doug	70	3	24
VA3RKM	Bob	70	4	24
N1NN	Rog	MA	2	24
KF0F	Ken	35	2	8
VE3VCF	Guy	70	2	4
VE3ZBB	Betty	ON	1	2

### Headquarters Station

W2MM	Pat, WW9R	162	59	4248
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## Our Appreciation

### OUR APOLOGIES...

If you are going to make a typo, make it in large Black ink at the top of a page. While all the other information on the 2009 QCWA party was about the 53rd Annual QSO Party, the results we heralded were the results of the Fall 52nd QSO Party. Sorry for the confusion.

### OUR APPRECIATION...

To those who took part in the QSO Party and renewed acquaintances with old friends and made new ones. A special thanks to those who took time to tidy up their logs and send them to our teller, Bob Buus, W2OD. Thank you too, Bob! And while I know they enjoyed it, lets thank those guys at Chapter 162 who made HQ station W2MM available to the multitude. Kudos to Pat, Ed, Willie, Dan and Larry. I guess their next big operation will be from the 2009 QCWA Cruise ship Eurodam. (after they look after W2MM for the Fall Party!)

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

All our Certificate winners who took the time and made the effort to come up with great results. The logs show you met a lot of old timers, chatted with some not so old members and brought the magic letters "QCWA" to a bunch of amateurs who wondered what it was all about. Special congratulations to Stella Gurka, WB2FAU, who joins Frances, VE3HKG, as the second YL I have issued a highest in score certificate to. And I see Jim, W3CP, is making a habit of coming "highest" in the cw/digital category. Congratulations to Ray Johnson, K5RJ of Vienna, Virginia, who has just received his Operating Award Certificate for having contacted 100 QCWA members. Ray will hang this in his shack beside his 60-60 Award. QSO Parties are a great place to fill up your log with contacts with members.

### COMING UP...

Vice President, Ken Oelke, has started the ball rolling on software for logging and scoring the QSO Parties. A beta version has been produced and in time will be tested and become available.

Another development is the use of the Internet. Many of our members have had to move into condominiums, nursing homes, apartments, etc where they no longer have access to HF gear and antennas. I run into them on Echolink, IRLP, Skype, etc. One of the voice over internet radio systems is QsoNet (cq100) which gives a very close simulation of real HF operation. Some of our members using this system have asked if we can integrate it into our QSO parties. On investigation we find that our rules work very well on this system. While we cannot compete directly with HF operators it will allow some of our members to get together and share old times. We are introducing our Fall Party on the virtual 10 meter band of QsoNet, using the same lighthouse frequencies as on the real 10 meter band, and complete with HQ station W2MM. The system supports phone, cw and many of the digital modes as well as SSTV. If things work out QsoNet users will use the complete virtual high frequency bands in 2010 for QSO Parties. Google QsoNet on your computer and give it a try. While I am still active on HF I also drop in on the "Hoot Owl" net at 7.242 run by QCWA member W1UZR (Rita) at 9.30 EDT and usually join the Chapter 73 net at 11 am EDT on Thursdays at 3.773. If you like DX I had 6 Countries the first day I was on the system. Give it a try.

I look forward to working you on September 19-20 in our 53rd year Fall QSO Party.

Cheers!  
**George Roach, VE3BNO**  
**QCWA Operating Events Manager**  
**613-234-0885 - groach@storm.ca**



## Certificate Winners: SPRING QSO Party, 2009 – 53rd Year

CALL	NAME	LOCATION	CHAPTER	RANK	CATEGORY
W3CP	Jim Headrick	Stanfield, OR	Oregon	Highest Score	CW/Digital
WB4DCM	Charles Swindell	Stanfield, OR	CH.126	2nd Highest	CW/Digital
N4ARO	Richard Church	Johnson City, TN	Ch. 182	3rd Highest	CW/Digital
WB2FAU	Stella J. Gurka	Lehigh Acres, FL	Ch. 196	Highest Score	Phone
N7VF	Norman Vandiver	Camp Verde, AZ	Arizona	2nd Highest	Phone
W8EK	Kenneth Simpson	Ocala, FL	Ch. 62	3rd Highest	Phone
K4BAI	John T. Laney	Columbus, GA	Georgia	Highest Score	Mixed
VE4AHZ	Minor C. Tennant	Winnepeg, MB	Ch. 70	2nd Highest	Mixed
K7VQ	Richard H. Bruns	Shreveport, LA	Ch. 85	3rd Highest	Mixed
VE3OBU	Bert Almemo	Scarborough, ON	Ch. 73	Highest Canada	CW/Digital
VE3NPC	Clare Fowler	Ottawa, ON	Ch. 70	Highest Canada	Phone

(Board Meeting Minutes, continued from page 5)

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administration-Director, McCauly, stated that the Committee had no open or unfinished business. After the report, there was considerable discussion about the Director's Guide and the consensus of the Board was that it is to be a guide and not a compilation of rules.
2. Chapter Relations-Director Harrison remarked that several projects are in progress or have been completed:
  - A. Alan Pickering, KJ9N, will be the recipient of the Roll of Honor Award.
  - B. Members of the Board will contact Secretaries of QCWA Chapters to gather information which could be helpful to other Chapters such as (1) type of programs which have been the most successful and (2) Has chapter been successful in recruiting new members...if so, how?
  - C. Introduced the idea of adding CQ100 as a QSO Party category.
  - D. Proposed updating the Convention manual during the coming year.
3. External Relations-US-Director Erwin has been monitoring FCC actions with relation to amateur radio, particularly with regard to BPL. Instances of interference to amateur radio can be directed to the FCC at [fccham@fcc.gov](mailto:fccham@fcc.gov) or directly to Laura Smith at [laura.smith@fcc.gov](mailto:laura.smith@fcc.gov). Director Erwin was actively involved in the development & approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ARRL & QCWA. The document was signed at the 2009 Dayton Hamvention. Director, Erwin, represented QCWA at 7 hamfests this year and expects to attend at least 6 more.
4. External Relations-Canada-Director, Powell, stated that RAC (Radio Amateurs Canada) monitors the BPL situation in Canada. Industry Canada, the Canadian regulator is developing a new standard specifically for "Access" BPL. Lower power, license exempt devices may be having new rules. Stronger regulations are wanted by radio amateurs, although lobby groups are very powerful. RAC is awaiting response to several frequency requests.
5. Finance-Director, Hirsch, provided a balance sheet for the calendar year 2009 through March 1 2009.
  - a. Scholarship \$537,046.94
  - b. Corporate 209,476.65
  - c. Endowment 37,908.59

The net asset value on May 1 was off 24.21% from January 1, 2008, but the D.J.I.A. was off 38.1%. Director Hirsch has continued contacts with the R.S.G.B and R.A.O.T.A. in the UK with the idea QCWA would like to get active in England.
6. Publication-Director Baldwin stated that the Committee has been very active proofreading the QCWA Journal & reviewing the QCWA web page. Vic Culver, W4VIC, reviews each issue of the Journal and sends the edited copy to Bob Zeida, N1BLF, who reads the copy to a master tape. This is sent to Handi Hams who distribute audio cassettes to 24 of our blind members. Director Baldwin stated he is a firm believer in the QCWA 'Chapters on the Air' program. There are 100 nets listed in the Journal with 82 chapters having at least one net each week.
7. Publicity & Public Relations-Director, Powell, described some of the methods the Committee has used to promote QCWA. An ad is currently running in TCA(publication of RAC).

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Roske admonished the Board for not following up on some of the motions passed in the previous year. Director Pasternak said he would attempt to get a QCWA program slot for Friday of the 2010 Dayton meeting. The Board did not discourage chapters from hosting a convention but appeared to suggest that it be somewhat later than 2010.

### NEW BUSINESS

Director McCauly stated that registrants for the 2009 cruise totaled 110 at the time of the Dayton meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:42 pm.

Walt Supina, N3WS, Secretary

# Rules for the 53rd Annual Fall QCWA QSO Party: 2009

All licensed Radio Amateurs world wide are invited to participate in the QCWA QSO Parties.

**Time/Dates:** The Spring QSO Party commences on **April 4, 2009** and the Fall Party on **September 19**. They start at **1800 Z** and run for a period of **24 Hours**. CW, Phone, and digital modes may be used. The virtual internet program **QsoNet (cq100)** can be used during the Fall Party. A separate log is required. Contacts made on QsoNet will only be scored with contacts made via QsoNet on 28.000-28.999.

**FREQUENCIES:** The following 11 Bands may be used:

<b>160:</b> 1.800 - 2.000	<b>20:</b> 14.000 – 14.350	<b>6:</b> 50.000 – 54.000	<b>UHF:</b> Above 420 Mhz.
<b>80:</b> 3.500 - 4.000	<b>15:</b> 21.000 – 21.450	<b>144:</b> 144.0 – 148.0	QsoNet – 28.000 to 28.999
<b>40:</b> 7.000 - 7.300	<b>10:</b> 28.000 – 29.700	<b>220:</b> 220.0 – 225.0	

No contacts are permitted on the 10, 18 and 24 Mhz. bands, nor are Crossband or Repeater Contacts allowed.

## **POINTS:**

Suggested Starting Frequencies:

**CW:** 1.810: 3.540: 7.035: 14.040: 21.050: 28.050

**Phone:** 1.845: 3.810: 7.244: 14.262: 21.365: 28.325

**Calling (CW or Phone):** CQ QCWA

## **INFORMATION EXCHANGE:**

Call / Year / Name / Chapter, State, Prov. or Country /. Fill all Columns on the the Log Form. For the "year" column, indicate the last 2 digits of the year the contacted operator was first licensed. If that station does not belong to a QCWA chapter show only the State, Province or Country of its location. The latter would apply to Non QCWA members as well as to QCWA members not affiliated with a local chapter. **Do not mention the term "At Large" (AL) as was done several years ago, as this can be confused with AL for Alabama.** For Band info, simply indicate one of the above 10 Bands in the "band" column. Digitally produced logs should supply the same information as is in the published log.

**Categories:** You may choose to work all modes (**MIXED**) or only (**PHONE**) or only (**CW/DIGITAL**). Certificates will be issued for each Category of "Cw/digital", "Phone", or "Mixed".

**Scoring:** Each Phone QSO is worth **one contact point**. Each CW QSO or a Digital Mode QSO such as RTTY, PSK31, MFSK etc. is worth **two contact points** (show 2 points in the QSO "Pts" Column on the Log). Any station may be contacted once per mode per band. CW is considered a digital mode so a station contacted both on cw and a digital mode on the same band can only be scored once. Any station in your home QCWA chapter may be counted only once for a maximum of one QSO per station. **Regardless of band or mode a multiplier of only one point per contest is allowed** for each QCWA chapter worked and for each state, Province or Country reported from stations not belonging to a QCWA Chapter. **A Multiplier of 3 points** will be given on each band for working our Special Events Station **W2MM**. It is hoped to have this station active throughout the two parties. Stations within 50 miles (80 Kms) of W2MM may work W2MM only once for a total multiplier of 3 points. Sample logs and a summary sheet may be requested from QCWA Headquarters with an SASE. The address is PO Box 3247 Framingham, MA 01705-3247 USA and on the internet at [www.qcwa.org](http://www.qcwa.org).

**Awards:** Certificates will be issued for the top 3 World Scores in each category. A certificate will also be issued for the top score in each category in each participating Country.

**Send Logs to:** W2OD, Robert Buus, 8 Donner Street, Holmdel, N.J. 07733-2004, U.S.A. or as an e-mail attachment to: [w2od@aol.com](mailto:w2od@aol.com) (within 30 days of contest). Contacts using QsoNet (cq100) must be logged on a separate log form and will be scored only with other QsoNet contacts. Rules/logsheets/summary form are available at website [www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm](http://www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm).





# Rules and Regs Digest

John B. Johnston, W3BE, 17701 Bowie Mill Road, Derwood, MD 20855-1608

## Environmental Importance

**Q. That phrase, "Land of environmental importance or that is significant in American history, architecture or culture" (Section 97.13(a)) could be reasonably interpreted to mean almost anywhere in the United States. The rules provide no guidance at all as to when the licensee of an amateur station is required to provide an Environmental Assessment.**

**A.** The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is the basis for that section which says the licensee may be required to take certain actions prescribed by Sections 1.1305-1.1319. In those sections, it explains that the FCC has reviewed representative actions and has found no common pattern that would enable it to specify actions that will automatically require an environmental impact statement. Perhaps some local environmental, historical and cultural specialists could advise you accordingly.

**Q. I read on a webpage that it is legally required to precede each transmitted SSTV image with a voice announcement. Where is that requirement in the FCC rules?**

**A.** It isn't there. The term "SSTV" (slow-scan television) isn't even mentioned in Part 97. Section 97.3(c)(3) simply defines "Image" to be: Facsimile and television emissions having designators with A, C, D, F, G, H, J or R as the first symbol; 1, 2 or 3 as the second symbol; C or F as the third symbol; and emissions having B as the first symbol; 7, 8 or 9 as the second symbol; W as the third symbol. The frequency bands and segments where Image emissions types may be transmitted are listed in Section 97.305.

**Q. Section 97.103 says that you must have all of your station documentation, including your license, available when the FCC RI comes into your house. Why then does the FCC rely upon the ULS license grant instead of the license document?**

**A.** You must have in mind paragraph (c): "The station licensee must make the station and the station records available for inspection upon request by an FCC representative." Nothing said there about your licenses. Your station and operator license grants are shown on the ULS.

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Section 97.103(c) requires, rather, when deemed necessary by a FCC District Director ("DD") to assure compliance with the FCC Rules, the station licensee must maintain a record of station operations containing such items of information as the DD may require in accord with Section 0.314(x) of the FCC Rules.

**Q. Where is Section 0.314(x)?**

**A.** It no longer exists. Part 0 has to do with Commission Organization. Section 0.314(x) was deleted when the operative authority was delegated to the Enforcement Bureau. The rulemaking item adopting those amendments, however, did not include the corresponding text revisions in Part 97. It will probably be conformed in a future proceeding.

**Q. What is an RI?**

**A.** "RI" is the abbreviation for "Radio Inspector," a no-longer-official title for government regulatory agency field engineers who performed station inspections. It is also sometimes used to refer to other FCC employees. See BE Informed No. 31 HAMSLANGUAGE.

**Q. What is required for the "station records" in 97.103(c)?**

**A.** Those requirements appear in several sections: Section 97.103(b) says, in pertinent part: The FCC will presume that the station licensee is also the control operator, unless documentation to the contrary is in the station records.

Section 97.203(f) (Beacon station) says: A beacon must cease transmissions upon notification by a DD that the station is operating improperly or causing undue interference to other operations. The beacon may not resume transmitting without prior approval of the DD.

Section 97.213(d) (Telecommand of an amateur station) says: A photocopy of the station license and a label with the name, address, and telephone number of the station licensee and at least one designated control operator is posted in a conspicuous place at the station location.

Section 97.309(b) (RTTY and data emission codes) says, in pertinent part: When deemed necessary by a DD

to assure compliance with the FCC Rules, a station must maintain a record, convertible to the original information, of all digital communications transmitted.

Section 97.311(c)(3) (SS emission types) says in pertinent part: When deemed necessary by a DD to assure compliance with this part, a station licensee must maintain a record, convertible to the original information (voice, text, image, etc.) of all spread spectrum communications transmitted.

**Q. Aren't the station license and operator license the same?**

**A.** Not really. Both of your license grants, however, are commingled on the FCC ULS. Your operator license grant authorizes your station control operator ("SCO") privileges. Your station license grant authorizes station transmitting privileges and assigns the call sign. One - but only one - operator/primary station license grant may be held by any one person. See Section 97.5(b)(1). There are, moreover, three types of station license grants that are not granted together with an operator license: club, military recreation and RACES.

It is indispensable to achieving rule compliance that every amateur operator has knowledge of the responsibilities one takes on when accepting a station license and when accepting an operator license. They each come with different penalties for rule violations. For example, Section 97.509(e) says, in pertinent part, "Violation of this provision may result in the revocation of the grant of the VE's amateur station license and the suspension of the grant of the VE's amateur operator license." In Section 97.23, it says, "Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct mailing address."

Understanding the duties of a station licensee and the understanding the duties of the SCO are vital to applying the rules to our communications systems. BE Informed No.1 W3BE CHECKLISTS can help you review your duties before causing or allowing a station to transmit on amateur service frequencies. The Part 97 rules are rearranged into two lists; those that apply to the station licensee and those that apply to the SCO.

**Q. Our repeater has been in operation for over 29 years when I received an e-mail from the coordinator saying that our channel pair has been given to someone else. What can we do?**

**A.** You and every prospective repeater provider and user should participate in selecting the entity to carry out your area coordination. Section 97.3(a) says that a frequency coordinator is an entity, recognized in a local or regional area by amateur operators whose stations are eligible to be auxiliary or repeater stations.

Coordination is the recommending of transmit/receive channels and associated operating and technical parameters for such stations in order to avoid or minimize poten-

tial interference in your locality. Section 97.205(c) says that where the transmissions of a repeater cause harmful interference to another repeater, the two station licensees are equally and fully responsible for resolving the interference unless the operation of one station is recommended by a frequency coordinator and the operation of the other station is not. In that case, the licensee of the non-coordinated repeater has primary responsibility to resolve the interference.

**Q. There are two purposes for the amateur service codified in the FCC rules, one is in Section 97.1 and another one is in Section 97.3(a)(4). Which one of them takes precedence?**

**A.** The text in Section 97.3(a) is taken from the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. SEC. 3. [47 U.S.C. 153] says the term "amateur station" means a radio station operated by a duly authorized person interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest. As the basic enabling legislation, therefore, it must take precedence. Similar wording is also codified in the international regulations.

Reportedly, most countries regulate amateur radio as a form of recreation. In places where the amateur service is regulated by the FCC, however, it has been established through the rulemaking process that the rules for our amateur service must be designed so as to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the five principles listed in Section 97.1.

**Q. We are having discussions about placing amateur stations into all of the hospitals, long term care centers and medical coordination centers. This equipment would only be operated if traditional communications links are not functioning. It would be for life safety issues: evacuations during disaster events etc. The staff at these locations desires to get their licenses and operate the equipment. The controlling authority is saying they cannot as that would violate §97.113(a)(3). This is not so obvious to others. What is your read on the regulation in this regard?**

**A.** Section 97.113(a)(3) says that no amateur station shall transmit communications in which the station licensee or SCO has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. See BE Informed No. 3, Section 97.113 SMELL TEST for a practical go-no-go check.

**Q. I would like to air on our net about 10 minutes worth of a ham-pilot communications recording of an air mobile QSO that I had on 20 meters. But the FCC regulations are just a bit too vague for comfort. Sections 97.111 (c) and (f) seem to say it is okay; other paragraphs in that same section limit a broadcast to specific types. Guidance, please?**

**A.** You are looking at obsolete rules. Access the current rules from my website at <http://www.w3BEInformed.org>.



Therein you will find Section 97.111(b)(6) which authorizes amateur stations to make certain one-way transmissions, including those "necessary to disseminate information bulletins." Section 97.3(a)(26) defines such as a message directed only to amateur operators consisting solely of subject matter of direct interest to the amateur service. That sounds like it is what you are contemplating.

**Q. Our local radio club assists at public-service events by running a net to pass informal traffic between several operators located around the site. The club member organizing things said that all stations will be operating under the club call sign and that individual operators are only to identify themselves using their tactical call signs. Individual operators would not identify with either their own call signs or with the club call sign. Only net control would identify with an FCC-assigned call sign, the club call sign. He said that would satisfy the legal identification requirements for all operators at the event. I asked how this would be legal. He simply said that it's legal. I don't understand how. What am I missing?**

**A.** Apparently, all of the licensees of stations participating in that network have, in effect, arranged to relinquish physical control of their station apparatus to that one net controller who, under the provisions of Section 97.5(a), becomes the only station licensee of record. Under this arrangement, he takes on responsibility, under Section 97.103(a), for the proper operation of all of the stations in the network. He then designates the control operator for each station, as required by Section 97.103(b). This switcheroo makes it possible for each station in the network to perform its station identification announcement with the same call sign.

It is probably under such an arrangement that your network's controller is basing his directions to disregard the requirements of Section 97.119(a), which says that each amateur station, except a space station or telecommand station, must transmit its assigned call sign on its transmitting channel at the end of each communication, and at least every 10 minutes during a communication, for the purpose of clearly making the source of the transmissions from the station known to those receiving the transmissions.

Tactical call signs, however, can never substitute for the FCC-assigned call signs. No station may transmit unidenti-

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fied communications or signals, or transmit as the station call sign, any call sign not authorized to the station. See BE Informed No. 14 ABOUT THAT STATION IDENTIFICATION.

**Q. Could the station identifications be compliant in this situation if the operator at each different position periodically identifies his or her transmissions by including the club station call sign along with his or her tactical call?**

**A.** Yes, provided those station identification announcements otherwise fully satisfied the requirements of Section 97.119(a). Such would comply with the letter, if not the spirit, of the rule. See BE Informed No. 4 WHICH CALL SIGN? It explains your options and accountability when someone wants to use your station apparatus or vice-versa.

**Q. Our Net Control announced that we will be using the tactical call of our position and stated that it was not necessary to ID using our FCC call sign. He cited an FCC exception made during the New York Marathon and stated that the exception applies to the event that we were participating in. Is there any such exception?**

**A.** The only exception codified in Section 97.119(a) is for a space station or telecommand station, neither of which is relevant here. Your station identification announcement

must always be as stated in the United States Code of Federal Regulations Title 47 Part 97 Section 97.119. Your FCC-assigned station call sign must always be transmitted by your station as required; even whenever some sort of self-created tactical designation system is also employed for whatever reason.

**Q. Could all transmissions at the public-service event be considered to be originated by the club station, hence requiring use of only the club's FCC-assigned call sign?**

**A.** That is the prerogative of the club station license trustee. Each participating station, however, would still have to comply with Section 97.119(a).

## APPRECIATION

Congratulation to Rocky Jones, KC4UXO on receiving our 50-Year award. The presentation was made at a meeting of our Montgomery (County, MD) ARC.

## Read the rules - Heed the rules

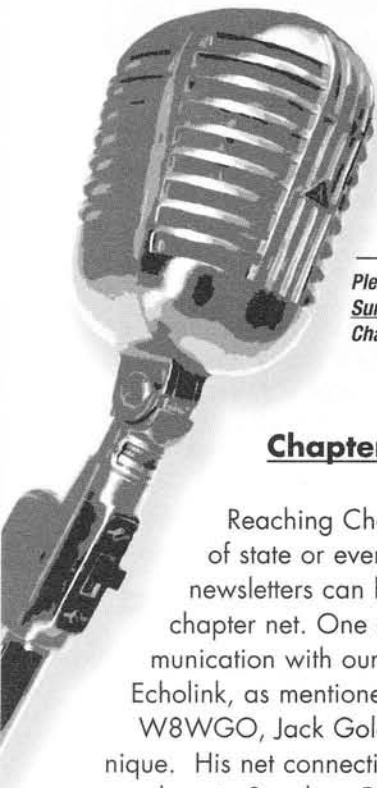
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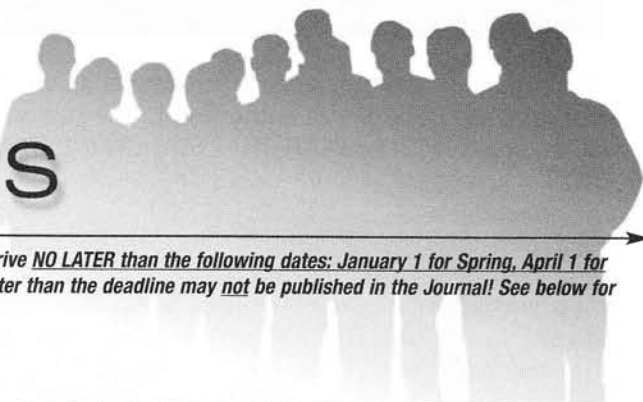


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# CHAPTER reports



Please send the reports to: Chuck Walbridge, General Manager, to arrive **NO LATER** than the following dates: **January 1 for Spring, April 1 for Summer, July 1 for Fall and October 1 for Winter.** Reports received later than the deadline may not be published in the Journal! See below for Chapter Report submittal requirements!

## Chapter 1, Cleveland (OH)

Reaching Chapter members who are located out of state or even overseas is a challenge. Our newsletters can help, but so too can a weekly chapter net. One answer to providing two-way communication with our remote members is to use Echolink, as mentioned in the QCWA Journal.

W8WGO, Jack Goldfarb, is a regular user of this technique. His net connections via Echolink have enabled members in Sweden, Cincinnati, and other Ohio cities to join us "live" here in Cleveland.

"In the past, I've interfaced my computer with my ICOM two-meter transceiver," he reports. "The Echolink configuration I use is as a sysop. This setup enables a ham on Echolink to connect to my computer in order to check into the Cleveland Chapter net."

Information on Echolink is available online. You can take a "tour" by going to <http://www.echolink.org/tour.htm>.

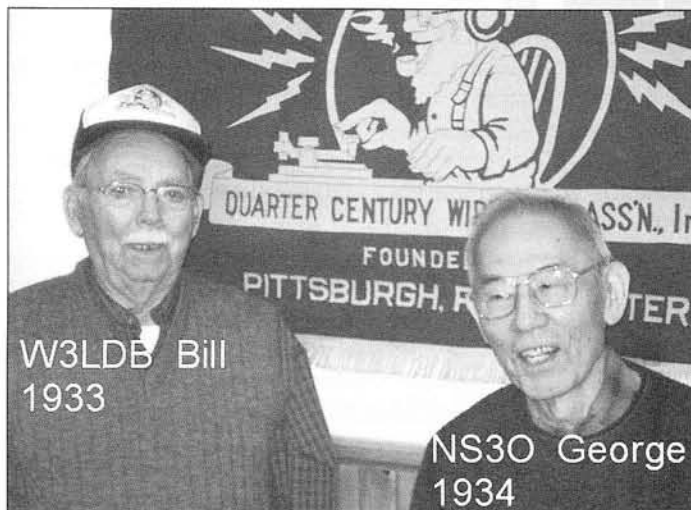
We regret to announce the passing of Tim Culek, KQ8TC.

**D.E. "Dee" Logan, W1HEO, Editor**

## Chapter 6, Pittsburgh (PA)

Chapter 6 held its quarterly meeting on June 13th at Rocky's II in McKees Rocks, PA. We had a good turnout thanks to our returning snowbirds, and pleasant day.

Following our luncheon, the meeting was called to order. George Kitazawa, NS3O, was our keynote speaker who told us of his early days in ham radio on the west coast. Starting out as a school boy, George originally held the call W6LIU. Along with his pal, Andy Cooper, W6KQK, the pair explored the adventures of building and operating their own equipment during the mid-1930s.



*W3LDB and NS3O celebrating 151 years of Amateur Service.*

Chapter 6 is fortunate to have two members who have celebrated 75 years of amateur service. Our second member is Bill Guthrie, W3LDB. Although Bill was not able to attend our meeting to receive his plaque, Nate Firestone, W3SVJ, arranged to present the Award to Bill at a local hamfest. Bill Kristoff, N3BPB, supplemented the QCWA Awards with certificates from the ARRL acknowledging 75 years of operating. Chapter 6 salutes both men on their achievements.

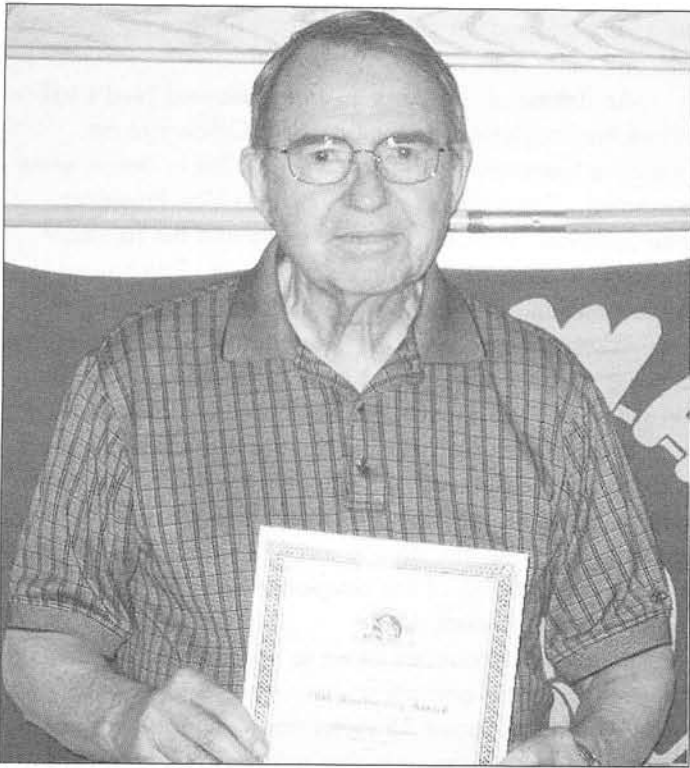
Chapter 6 meets on a quarterly basis, and interested amateurs can get details by contacting Brian Roberts, K9VKY, directly, or by checking into the Sunday morning net. That net meets at 0830 prevailing time on 147.03 and is hosted by Bruce Murray, N3GHI. All are welcome.

**Brian Roberts, K9VKY, Chapter Scribe**

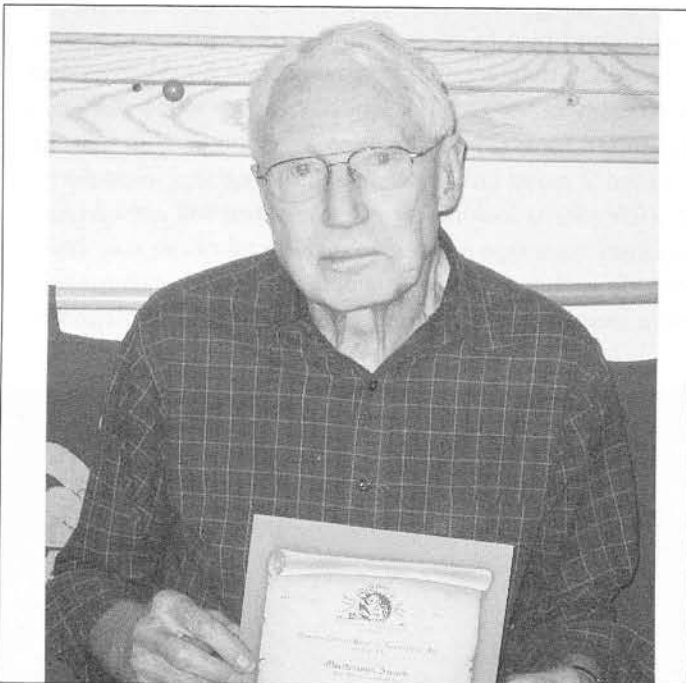
## Chapter 8, Upper Midwest (MN)

The following were elected at our Annual May meeting: President, Dick Philstrom, WØTLE; Vice President, John

**ATTENTION! QCWA Chapter Report Guidelines:** All Chapter reports will need to follow these limits set by the Publications Standing Committee: **500 words and two photos maximum.** When taking photos, group together those receiving awards rather than individual photos. Those can always be posted on a Chapter webpage. When a Chapter report is submitted, please include the Chapter number in the title and the the subject line of your email and with any photos submitted. **Don't forget to send us photo CAPTIONS!** Preferred formats for the reports are: Word (.doc), rtf or plain text. Photos should be a **minimum** of 4 inches wide, grayscale format and at 200dpi. Larger is fine as they can be scaled down. JPG or .TIF format is best.



Jack, WØHZ



Tom Steele, AAØHQ received the Chapter 8, 2009 Meritorious Service Award for "His many years of service as the Chapter 8 Treasurer"

Fox WØLER; Secretary, Bob Roske, NØUF; and Treasurer, Tom Steele, AAØHQ.

Receiving Golden Certificates which totaled 250 years on the air were: Jack Chapman, WØHZ – 70 years; Jack Steinmetz, NØGI – 70 years; Bob Gille, WØUGY – 55 years and Rick Whiting, WØTN – 55 years.

The Chapter also requests and distributes Golden

Certificates for other Minnesota QCWA Members that don't belong to a chapter.

Our Chapter nets meet Saturday morning on 3.909 MHz at 0800 central time, Baldy, WØOFY, is our NCS. Then, between Sept and May at 0900 central time Jack, NØGI is NCS on 145.450 MHz. This repeater is connected to Echolink (89680) with no PL tone. Please join us.

**Bob Roske, NØUF, Secretary**

### **Chapter 10, Michigan (MI)**

Chapter 10 has been going through some turbulent times as of late. Our very active and able Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Bishop, W8JFB, resigned his position a few months ago.

Prior to our annual meeting in Cadillac, our President, Melvin Moore, NM8L, tendered his resignation, leaving me, the Vice President, as the only remaining Officer.

That left only one Officer position to be filled at this year's annual meeting, that of the President. I approached Jan Jellema, K1ND, asking if he would consider being nominated for that position, to which he readily agreed. His name was placed in nomination at the meeting and unanimously elected as our new President to fill the remaining one-year term.

We are now looking for a replacement Secretary/Treasurer to replace Jim, who has done a remarkable job in this position over the past few years.

Pete Hansen, W8TWA, suggested to me that perhaps we could divide the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer into two parts; one doing just the job of a Secretary/Treasurer and another doing the job of Chapter Historian. At this point I am asking each member to contact me by e-mail (lcorbin@hughes.net) stating whether or not they are in favor of such a change.

Also, I would appreciate if volunteers would step forward to fill this/these vacancy/vacancies.

I wish to thank Jim and Melvin for their support over the years.

**Lowell Corbin, W8IQB, Vice President & Acting Secretary/Treasurer**

### **Chapter 12, Andy Clark (FL)**

Chapter 12 is holding its monthly meetings at Piccadilly Classic American Cooking, 8301 West Flager Street, Miami, Florida. This is our 44th year. A major membership drive is underway with members seeking new QCWA members. Our Chapter will again have a table at the Hamtobterfest on Saturday, October 17, at the Miami Mahi Shrine to sign up new members.



We invite all to come by and stop at our table. If your travels bring you to Miami, please join us at our monthly luncheon meetings. Our informal meetings are held monthly, the third Saturday at 12 noon. Visitors are always welcome. For further information contact our Secretary at w4vz@bellsouth.net

**Art Rauch, W4VZ, Secretary**

## **Chapter 14, San Diego (CA)**

San Diego Chapter 14 held its regular quarterly brunch meeting on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road. There were 21 members and guests present. The business portion of the meeting included the presentation of a 75-Year plaque to Ruben C. Onstad, N6BAS.

Following brunch, there was an opportunity drawing with a number of nice prizes assembled by Vice President, Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ, including a donated homebrew linear amplifier capable of 600 watts output. The meeting concluded with the showing of a K4UEE produced video of a 2002 contest expedition to Burkina Faso (XT).

Chapter 14's next meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, August 2, 2009, at the same location.

**Harry A. Hodges, W6Y00, Chapter President**



**Ruben C. Onstad, N6BAS (left) receiving 75-Year plaque from Chapter President, Harry A. Hodges, W6Y00.**

## **Chapter 16, Barry M. Goldwater (AZ)**

Thirty members and guests attended the Summer meeting at Pete's Family Restaurant on June 20th in Prescott. After introductions, a delicious buffet lunch was enjoyed by all. Following lunch, Vice President, Jean Jolkovski, W4CIH, introduced the speaker, Ned Stearns, AA7A, who present-

ed a very informative talk about moon bounce communication and other topics.

An extended business meeting followed Ned's talk where the conclusions reached by the Officers at an Executive Committee Meeting on June 12th in Tempe were presented. Doug Besemer, KØVPL, and Vice President, Jean Jolkovski, W4CIH, together explained the rationale and plan to send the newsletter by e-mail. Subsequent to the last meeting and newsletter, feedback concerning this generally has been positive; the majority of members have active e-mail accounts. Those present in Prescott supported the proposal. As a result, the newsletter will be sent by e-mail to those with active accounts. For those few members without access to e-mail, the newsletter will continue to be sent by US Mail. However, the intent is to phase-out this mailing over time. The driving force behind this is that the printing and mailing of the newsletters now consumes the majority of the annual dues.

Doug also announced plans to improve communication between members and attract new members, especially those who do not have 75 meter capability and cannot check in to our Sunday morning net on 3890 kHz. The Officers propose the development of a 2 meter, Chapter 16 Net using the linked repeater capabilities of ARA or EAARS and also ECHO-Link and/or IRLP. This also will provide addition emergency communication capabilities and community service for our Chapter. Some of the dues now expended for a printed newsletter will be used to help support the 2 meter linked network using existing repeaters. The Chapter is looking for repeaters that will provide the required coverage needed to include all of our membership. To further improve communication and encourage more member participation, establishment of a telephone



**Lyle Brown, W7LGB, on right, receiving his 75 Year Anniversary Award from President, Doug Besemer, KØVPL.**

tree also is proposed. Doug asked for volunteers and/or suggestions of individuals from the Prescott, Phoenix, and Tucson areas, to support this program. He explained that no one would be required to make a large number of calls and that it would be better if the calls came from the more long-term members who are generally better known by our membership. Finally, additional communication is proposed through posting information on the QCWA web site where the Chapter already has an abbreviated page.

Then, Doug spent some time talking about the proposed changes for the Christmas Party meeting to be held in December. The musical entertainment at the December meeting will be replaced by an activity that will promote a more social interaction, e.g., an exchange of ham-related "gifts" from our junk boxes/closets, etc. There was no objection to the proposed changes.

The 75-Year Anniversary Award was presented to Lyle Brown, W7LGB, of Prescott by President, Doug Besemer. Lyle received many congratulations from those present. Doug thanked him for his many contributions to the Chapter including the Sunday Net Control duties and helping with the restaurant arrangements for our Prescott Meetings.

In conclusion, Doug announced that the next meeting will be on October 3rd at Monte's in Tempe where Jim Pierce, N7QVW, will discuss repeater linking, etc. The meeting was adjourned.

**Bob McCuskey, W7BV, Secretary/Treasurer**

### **Chapter 19, Missouri (MO)**

At our April 11 Chapter 19 luncheon, Charles Nagel, K0CW, brought in his new Elecraft K2 Transceiver. Charles gave a very informative presentation on his experiences constructing this fine transceiver.

Chapter 19 will once again host a Chapter Picnic. The picnic will be on Saturday August 8th, at Kirkwood Park, in Kirkwood, MO. We look forward to a great turnout.

Our weekly Net Control station, Bill Bell, W9BEL, would like to invite QCWA members traveling thru St. Louis to please check in. This net meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm on two meters at 147.360 MHz.

Our Chapter would like to thank Chapter Vice Chairman, Roger Volk, K0GOB, and Chapter member George Schindler, WB0IIS, and the Monsanto Amateur Radio Association, for maintaining this fine repeater.

**John Germanos, WB9PNU, Secretary/Treasurer**

### **Chapter 20, Chesapeake (MD)**

Chapter 20 had its summer picnic at the home of John Johnston, W3BE on June 15. After a great meal of barbeque, baked beans, etc., the members engaged in strenuous games of Trivia, and participated in the 50/50 drawing.

Travelers Note: Anyone in the Baltimore/Annapolis area on Thursday evenings can join us on the Chesapeake Chapter Net, at 2000 on the Jessup, MD repeater (146.76 MHz). KR3AB will be Net Control Station. We "Meet and Eat" every Monday at Noon at Cactus Willie's Steak and Buffet, Glen Burnie, MD, across Rt 2 from the Empire Towers. Talk in on 146.52 until Noon. For info, contact Russ Slye, N3GT, at greenflash@aol.com.

**Russ Slye, N3GT, Secretary**



*Chapter 20 members at summer picnic*

### **Chapter 28, Central New York & Endless Mountains of Pennsylvania**

Our Chapter held a well-attended luncheon at the Red Lobster in Vestal in late March, honoring our Member Emeritus, Bob Groh, W2IFA, and his lovely XYL, Ruth. Bob thrilled the crowd with his tales of derring-do in China. When we had recovered from those feats, the gavel was passed from outgoing Chairman, Frank Roney, K02Q, to Bob Fuller, WA2PHM, who then introduced his recent acquisition, a beautiful 1933 Philco cathedral radio. He also announced that the Chapter 28 QCWA Banner had been embroidered with the eight call signs of past Chapter Chairmen who are now Silent Keys.

In April our annual Spring Luncheon was held at the Blue Dolphin. A moment of silence was observed in mem-





*Bob Groh, W2IFA, received congratulations from Bill Thompson, W2MTA.*



*Chairman, Bob Fuller, WA2PHM with gavel from Frank Roney, K02Q.*

ory of past Secretary-Treasurer, Merle Rigby, K2AOV. Bob Vasilow, W2V DX, then challenged all attendees with a 1943 QST quiz by W6QE, entitled "Dessie Belle and Johnny." No one was perfect on those circuits! As the luncheon concluded, Chairman Fuller presented a 60-Year Service Award to Adda Gonartz, W3Q BZ. The Chapter plans further activities for the year. Come join us Sunday mornings on 3917 kHz at 10:30 am. For further information, contact [w2mta@arrl.net](mailto:w2mta@arrl.net).

**Bill Thompson, W2MTA, Secretary**

## **Chapter 29, Finger Lakes (NY)**

Chapter 29 is on the move again. We now hold our last Friday of the month meeting at Denny's Restaurant in North Syracuse, NY, at the intersection of South Bay Road and Lawrence Avenue. Our new site offers a private room with a projection screen to facilitate video presentations.

At our June meeting, the Chapter approved a \$200



*Chapter 29 members meeting at their new location.*

donation to the QCWA Scholarship Fund in honor of Hugo (Bud) Keller, K2HH. Bud is our third Chapter member to reach the 75-year service mark in amateur radio. We also have another 60-Year Service Award recipient, Melville Sherman, K2CCQ.

In June we welcomed John Gonroff, NT2D, of Cape Canaveral, FL who now "summers in NY" instead of "wintering in FL". We missed several of our regular attendees who were participating in a communications drill involving local hospitals with ARES/RACES.

Don't tell anybody, but an AN/PRC-5 "spy radio" attended our last meeting. Disguised as a leather attaché case this transceiver came equipped with everything needed for clandestine CW radio operation. The crystal controlled transmitter has a 6L6 in the final. The 5 tube tunable receiver covers 4.5 to 16 Mc/S, AM and CW. The rig is on the way to the AWA Museum in Bloomfield, NY, courtesy of WB2WGH.

**Jack Roubie, K2JDD, Secretary**

## **Chapter 36, Northwest Indiana (IN)**

Our Chapter has continued to meet monthly with good turnouts of members and guests attending. We are now up to 22 full QCWA members on our roster, with nearly that many guests also. We have been moving the meeting locations around between our three most populated counties, and also moving the times around to accommodate breakfast, lunch, and dinner... they're all GOOD! Helping our membership growth during the first few months of the year was the "QCWA Deputy" contest, which I won for the final quarter of the contest with nine new members signed up. The \$250 prize money was donated to our Chapter Treasury and gives us a nice kitty to draw from if expenses are needed.

Award presentations were made in April to Bruce



**Bruce Balsley, W9OTN (right), receives his 50th Anniversary Award and Fifty Years Continuously-Licensed Award from Gene Wiggins, W9CWG.**



**John Miller, W9ZG (left), receives his 50th and 55th Anniversary Awards, plus Fifty Years Continuously-Licensed Award, from Stan Vandiver, W4SV.**

Balsley, W9OTN, for his 50th Anniversary Award and Fifty Years Continuously Licensed. In May, John Miller, W9ZG, received his 50th and 55th Anniversary Award and Fifty Years Continuously-Licensed. Congratulations guys, on achieving these major milestones! More awards will be handed out soon.

The April meeting gave us the "Bugs-for-breakfast" contest, won by Bruce Balsley, W9OTN, with a 1912 Model X Vibroplex, followed closely by Dan Scheetz, W9DWS, with a 1918 Vibroplex. A very honorable mention is deserved for Tom Ruggles, W8FIB, who brought a large collection of bugs and oscillators, including a McElroy 1938B with its original wood-crate box. And a very honorable mention also is due to George Kelly, K9WWT, who brought what was likely the oldest Morse device, a tele-

graph sounder that was guessed to be "turn-of-the-century".

The May contest was for "Exotic QSL's" (by fame or location). Many interesting cards were brought in, but Troy Harrison, KC9E, forgot to bring in his probable winner: a card from Jordan's King Hussein, JY1. So, the gang chose my entry as the winner instead...a fairly extensive scrapbook collection of QSLs from space (contacts with many shuttle missions, Mir Space Station, and International Space Station).

Our June contest was for "SMALL things" (radios or accessories). Again a number of interesting items were brought in to show. We declared this one a tie with a tiny set of Morse keyer paddles by Bill Burns, N9CEG, and the beautiful workmanship on the homebrew 160m mobile rig built by Chuck Hanusin, K9GSV. I'm sure this rig was very small in the day of its construction!

In other news, we now have a brand-spanking new Chapter Banner, first displayed at our June meeting. It will be great to see it flying in future Journal photos! Also, we now have not just one club call sign, but two! We had an extended vote to select a single club call but were evenly divided between K9QCW and W9EGQ (the long-held call of local author, mentor, and Chapter 36 Charter Member, Herb Brier). So getting both calls seemed to be the best solution. Next up: get these calls active on-the-air!

More details and pictures on our website:  
<http://chapter36.org>.

**Stan Vandiver, W4SV, President**

### **Chapter 38, San Antonio (TX)**

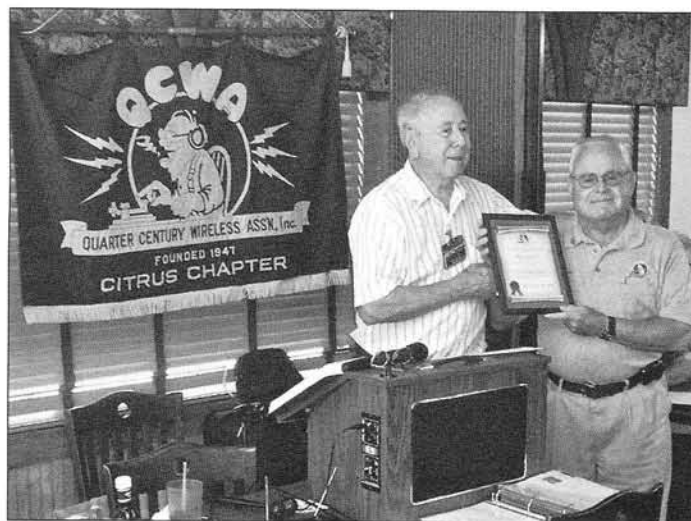
San Antonio, Texas, continues to be the home for QCWA Chapter 38. Membership remains at about the 2008 level, some 40 paid members to date. Chapter meetings average from about 12 to 20 members and guests. The Chapter Monthly meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month beginning at about 11AM and features a program of general interest at the end of the meeting.

On 23 May 2009, Dr. Larry Higgins, W5EX, and President of Chapter 38, had the pleasure of presenting a QCWA Plaque to Eugene (Gene) Jank, W5EJT, for 75 years of Amateur Radio Service. Gene was first licensed in June, 1934, and made many ham radio contacts with his home-built vacuum tube HF receivers and transmitters. Following high school, Gene served in the National Guard and later in the U.S. Navy as an electronics technician during World War II. After the war, Gene returned to San Antonio where he worked for the telephone company for some 43 years. Gene is still active in amateur radio communications and routinely checks into local nets including the local QCWA Net on two meters. Gene's XYL, Ruth,





*QCWA Members Gene and Ruth Jank, W5EJT and K5OPT, display their plaques at San Antonio Chapter 38 Meeting. (L to R): Chetto Cumpian, WB6BIE, Secretary, Clay Laster, W5ZPV, Vice President, Gene Jank, W5EJT, Ruth Jank, K5OPT and XYL/W5EJT, and Dr. Larry Higgins, W5EX, President of Chapter 38, QCWA.*



*President AL LaPetry, W2AS (I) presents Norm Lauterette, WA4HYJ with a QCWA Meritorious Award.*

K5OPT, was presented with an Honorable Member Award for her contributions to the Chapter 38 activities.

Following the awards presentation, Wally Gafford, WB5DTW presented a most timely program, "D Star and Digital VHF-UHF Repeaters and Their Worldwide Internet Connections".

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Charles Milton Miller, W5IMR, (USAF Retired), on 14 May 2009 after a long battle with prostate cancer and Alzheimers Disease. Charles served in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Civil Service for a total of 53 years of government service. He was a long time amateur radio operator and spent much time operating ham stations at overseas bases. He was a long-time member of the QCWA (Chapter 38) and other amateur radio organizations.

Chapter 38 operates an On-the air Net every Sunday Evening at 8:30PM, local time via the local 146.34/94 MHz Repeater. Net Control Operators include Bill Minton, AA5HI; Clay Laster, W5ZPV; and Danny McCarty, WA5KRP.

**Clay Laster, W5ZPV, Vice-President**

## **Chapter 45, Citrus (FL)**

By the time this is read, Field Day 2009 will be over but at this writing it is soon to be and many of us will be participating. I (along with our VP and others) will be working the CW station and we hope to meet many of our QCWA friends on the air. The Chapter is not sponsoring a Field Day station but I estimate that there are approximately 24 of our members who will be joining other Clubs in the area on this special weekend.

We are extremely pleased to announce that our own



*Jack Leavitt, KF4WM with D-Star program as Pam LaPetry, KD4HTB looks on attentively.*

Walt Maxwell, W2DU, has been selected by CQ Magazine as one of its 2009 inductees into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. Among many other things Walt is an antenna designer (specializing in spacecraft communications) and author. Congratulations, Walt.

Our group continues to enjoy our monthly meetings. The quarterly dinners will resume in the fall when many of our members return home from up north. Our membership is growing, and in general, we are experiencing a wonderful feeling of prosperity. Two recent items of interest: 1) Norm Lauterette, WA4HYJ was presented with the QCWA Meritorious Award for his hard and dedicated work in producing the Chapter's DVD covering our 40 years of existence; and 2) A wonderful program by member Jack Leavitt, KF4WM, on the exciting topic of D-Star. He was able to demonstrate an actual 2-meter contact with a station in Atlanta, Ga.

The Chapter owns and operates an open repeater, W4PLA, operating on 147.195 MHz (no tone).

Scheduled net is at 1930 hours local time on Tuesday of each week. All hams in the area are invited to check in and anyone passing through at net time is particularly welcome.

**AL LaPeter, W2AS, President**

### **Chapter 46, Founders (NY)**

Founders Chapter 46 held its annual meeting at Mazzaferro Restaurant in Yonkers, New York on Saturday, June 20, 2009. This was a joint meeting with Hudson Valley Chapter 181 and the Council of Northeast Chapters of QCWA (CONEX).

A moment of silence took place in memory of recent Silent Keys – Dick Robinson, W2OZA; Harrison Moore, W2JQS; and John Weber, KA2IXW.

Lunch was served. The food and service were very good.

Jerry Mulburg, W2MJP, was awarded a 70-Year Certificate. Stan Egelburg, W2WQK, was awarded a 60-Year Certificate.

Special guest, Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, wonderfully described the New York City Marathon and how hams make it possible. Steve works for a major TV network.

Chapter 46 held an election for Officers and Directors and the following Officers were elected: President, Lou Leonard, WA2UIJ; Vice President, Sy Yuter, W2NBT; and Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Lauri, W2IX. The following Directors were elected: Stan Egelberg, W2WQK; Gus Levy, W2LAP; Manny Cohen, K2ILF; Mike Rapp, KA2FLB.

The Founders Chapter net meets every Sunday at 8:45 on 3.917 mhz.

**Sy Yuter, W2NBT, Vice President**

### **Council of Northeast Chapters of QCWA (CONEX)**

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A moment of silence took place in memory of recent Silent Keys – Dick Robinson, W2OZA, Harrison Moore, W2JQS and John Weber, KA2IXW.

Lunch was served. The food and service were very good.

Every QCWA member in the northeast is a member of CONEX. There are no dues.

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Special guest, Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, wonderfully described the massive New York City Marathon and how hams make it possible. Steve works for a major TV network.

CONEX held an election for Officers and Directors and the following Officers were elected: President, WF1D, Gerry Georgopolis Twin States; Vice President, WA2BSS, Stu Ballinger, Hudson Valley; Secretary, W2IX, Frank Lauri, Founders, Hudson Valley; and Treasurer, W2NBT, Sy Yuter, Founders, Hudson Valley. The following Directors were elected: K2YLH, George Schomberg, Northern New Jersey; W2LAP, Gus Levy, Founders, Hudson Valley; W2WQK, Stan Egelberg, Hudson Valley; W2MJP, Jerry Mulberg, Hudson Valley; K2ILF, Manny Cohen, Hudson Valley.

### **HONORARY CONEX DIRECTORS**

- (1) W2KW, Clarence Seid, SK, Founders
- (2) W2JE, Gus Gironda, SK, Delaware Valley
- (3) W2DP, Francis Percival, SK, Founders
- (4) W2AUF, David Winter, SK, Founders, Long Island
- (5) W2TLC, Herman Milatz, SK, Long Island
- (6) W2JQS, Harrison Moore, SK, Founders, Hudson Valley
- (7) KA2IXW, John Weber, SK, Founders

The CONEX net meets every Sunday at 8:30 on 3.917 MHz.

**Sy Yuter, W2NBT, Treasurer**



**Stan Egelburg, WA2WQK, left, receiving 60-Year Certificate from Treasurer Sy Yuter, W2NBT**





*Speaker, Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML*



*Jerry Mulburg, W2MJP, receiving 70-Year Certificate from Treasurer, Sy Yuter, W2NBT.*

## **Chapter 49, Peach State (GA)**

Chapter 49 is sad to report the passing of two of its long time members and friends, Ed Bigbie, W4MMQ (SK) and Sandy Donahue, W4RU (SK). We will miss Ed and Sandy at both our Chapter meetings and on the air. The club has made donations to the QCWA Memorial Scholarship Fund in the names of each individual. Ed and Sandy, 73 and tnx for the many QSOs on the air and eyeball over the years.

At a recent club meeting we viewed a DVD of the Brandon Island DXpedition. It made for an interesting cou-

ple of hours in the early afternoon as we chatted, munched on some grinders and other culinary treats, and considered what it takes to put a DXpedition together. Sometimes it seems hard enough just to get new antennas up in the backyard, let alone ship them halfway around the world prior to erection. Hats off to the folks who make "the rare ones" available to us old timers! Of course as Jerry Lofstead, W3CDE, our President recently said, "it is an honor to be called an "old timer" as it means you are still around to be called anything!"

There were several QCWA Chapter 49 members at Dayton. The National QCWA booth seemed to be a happening kind of place and it was good to be able to put faces with the names and callsigns of the QCWA National team. If you have never been to Dayton, it is indeed a wonderful gathering of amateur radio aficionados. Every ham should really go at least once just to see the show!

The summer heat and humidity have arrived in Georgia. It is a good time to stay inside and make some "Qs." Our Saturday net which meets at 0900 hrs (local) on Saturday mornings on 3.8575 MHz remains active and all amateurs, whether members of Chapter 49 or not are invited to join in the fun. To escape the evening heat, one option is to stay in the ham shack and join our two-meter net on the MATPARC repeater on Wednesdays at 2000 hrs local (145.410 (-) MHz PL 100.0). The Wednesday night net is a little more informal so if it seems kind of quiet, give a shout anyway.

Chapter 49 has a tradition of having a summer picnic at the QTH of one of the club members. It is a nice time to relax, have a hot dog or a hamburger and some potato salad and tour the RF launching site of one of the group. Details and maybe a picture or two will be posted on our website, <http://www.qcwa49.org/>

We meet the third Saturday of the even months at 12:00 noon most frequently at Ryan's Family Steakhouse in Norcross, Georgia. Questions or comments should be directed to the club Secretary, John Kludt, K7SYS, at [k7sys@arrl.net](mailto:k7sys@arrl.net).

*John Kludt, K7SYS, Secretary*

## **Chapter 53, Suncoast (FL)**

Suncoast Chapter 53 has been enjoying an excellent turnout of participants for our year-round monthly meetings and lunches.

We had 34 members, spouses and friends in attendance at our April 1st luncheon/meeting. Prior to the start of the meeting, Chapter President, Bill Anderson, WB4TJH presented a very surprised Jack Sproat, W4JS with two gifts in recognition of his past service to Chapter 53. First was a 10-ream carton of print paper, which more than



*Chapter 53 President, Bill Anderson, WB4TJH presents the QCWA Meritorious Award to Past President, Jack Sproat, W4JS.*

covered the paper Jack had used in preparation of the Chapter's newsletter, The Suncoaster. This was followed by the presentation of a beautifully framed QCWA Meritorious Award in recognition of Jack's ten years service as Chapter President. Following the business meeting, Bruce Brown, WA8IQF, showed a variety of photos detailing the construction and erection of his 5-band HexBeam. Bruce is the only local ham using such an antenna, such that his presentation stirred up interest and questions. Even though our Snowbird members had all departed for the summer, we had 36 Chapter members, spouses and friends at our 06 May luncheon/meeting. Konrad Owens-WA3RRS, showed a video of the Hallicrafters film "Voice of Victory." This film told the story of the conversion of the Hallicrafters HT-4 transmitter into the military BC-610 and its ancillary equipment. Konrad has intimate knowledge of classic "heavy metal" radio equipment, and was thus able to supply additional, knowledgeable comments on the HT-4/BC-610.

As June marks the start of our informal Chapter lunches, on 03 June there were 18 members, spouses and friends at the Panda Pavilion Chinese Buffet in Venice. No business — just numerous eyeball QSOs on a variety of subjects. A good time was had by all in attendance.

From October through May, Suncoast Chapter 53 meets at Denny's, 3701 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL, at 11:30 AM the first Wednesday of the month. We also have informal lunches, on the same schedule, June through September, at the Panda Pavilion, 1765 South Tamiami Trail (US 41) in Venice, FL. All QCWA members living in, or visiting, the Florida Suncoast area are always welcome. Please contact our President, Bill Anderson, WB4TJH, via wb4tjh@verizon.net if you are in the area and would like to join with us.

**Jack Sproat W4JS, Secretary**

## **Chapter 62, Suwannee (FL)**

We had a well-attended April meeting. After lunch the meeting was brought to order and several items of business were taken care of. After the business we had a presentation about the propagation prediction program written by W6EL. This was given by our President, Ben, N6SL. The recent June meeting was well attended for this time of the year but the business meeting was brief. We are happy to see that one of our members, Ken Simpson, W8EK, has been appointed as a new QCWA Director. He should make a wonderful Director. He is very dedicated to QCWA and we all wish him well. Don't forget to check into our net on Saturdays at 9AM on 3940 KHz. Chapter 62 meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. On the even numbered months we meet at the Golden Corral, 2111 SW College Road (Route 200) in Ocala at 11:30 AM. On the odd-numbered months we meet at Dennys Restaurant on Route 40 at the I-75 interchange at 5 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us for eating & the meeting.

**Doug Hawkins, W3HH, Secretary**

## **Chapter 64, El Paso (TX)**

Howdy from Chapter 64 in El Paso, TX and southern NM! It is with great sadness we report the passing of two of our long-time Chapter members. Dean Figgins, WA7EPU, of Las Cruces, NM; and Bill Rodgers, K5WAE (ex K5TLU) of El Paso, set the bar for our ham community in many ways. Both men were very active in their respective radio clubs as well as QCWA events. Bill is well known for being administrator of the El Paso Amateur Radio Club (W5ES) "Worked All El Paso" Award for many years. We will greatly miss them both.

Other Chapter news includes presentation of the QCWA 50th Anniversary Award to Dale Bragdon, K4BHL by President, Bob Rogers, K5HRI. Congratulations, Dale! Our Chapter has a monthly luncheon meeting at Furr's Cafeteria located in the Sunrise Shopping Center in Northeast El Paso on the third Saturday of each month at 11:30 local. We also enjoy a weekly net on Saturdays at 08:30 local mountain time on 3.933KHz. Net control varies using our Chapter club station W5RO. Out-of-town check-ins are especially welcome!

**Rick Rumbaugh, W5PIE, Director**





Bob, K5HRI (R), presents the 50th Anniversary Award to Dale, K4BHL.

## **Chapter 65, Niagara Frontier (NY)**

It looks like Chapter 65 just might have pulled back from the brink of extinction! Four members have come forward and offered help. I feel compelled to recognize them for their "anti-apathy". They are Bill, WB2AIV; Steve, WF2S; John, W2JUA (way down in Texas!); and Bob, W2AET. How refreshing. You know, dissolving a Chapter is so.....FINAL. Dare I liken us to a phoenix – a legendary bird which rose alive from the ashes to live another period? A glimmer of hope for us after all?

Hey, we even finally snagged a member who has been on our wish list for a couple years. Or to be more precise, he snagged himself, since he joined the QCWA at the Dayton hamfest. We welcome Bob Schober, K2CRR. Bob has a very long history in the communications field in the Western New York area. He owned and operated WBL, a ship-to-shore radio system, and owned a Motorola communications service shop for many years. We are extremely fortunate to have Bob join our group.

Our weekly net (on 3900 KHz at 1330L Sundays) using club call W2SD is still discontinued, but there is a possibility it will be revived after the summer months are behind us. Stay tuned.

We have been consistently enjoying an attendance of about 12 members to our monthly luncheons at 12 noon on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Brennan's Restaurant, they are located on Transit Road at Main Street in Amherst N.Y. We always guarantee a good time.

**Larry Rybacki, President/Secretary**

## **Chapter 70 QCWA National Capital Region Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

During the second quarter of 2009, Joan Powell, VE3ZC,

unfortunately decided to step down as a QCWA Vice President due to the pressure of other commitments.

Chapter 70 members will miss her efforts on our behalf as well as her regular reports on activities at Headquarters.

In addition to our regular weekly breakfasts, Chapter 70 held a quarterly dinner meeting on May 19th. A number of special guests attended the dinner, including the President of Radio Amateurs of Canada, Bob Cooke, VE3BDB, as well as RAC Ontario North and East Director, Bill Unger, VE3XT, and Ontario South Director, Geoff Smith VA3GS. Also present was Sue Cooke, VE3SUH, acting Vice President of Field Services.

After the conduct of routine Chapter business and the presentation of several 40, 50 and 60 year pins and certificates, former QCWA President, Croft Taylor, VE3CT presented a 75 year pin & plaque to long time Chapter 70 member, Gordon Grant, VE3DY.

Following the dinner, Chapter Vice President Doug Leach, VE3XK, entertained members and guests with a PowerPoint presentation on "Mapping the Canadian North and working a little DX between weather observations". The presentation described Doug's interesting (and occasionally dangerous) school summer job on a 1957 aerial survey of Baffin Island.

**Ken Pulfer, VE3PU, Secretary**

## **Chapter 73, Fred Hammond (ON)**

Our spring meeting was held on 2 May 2009 at the Mohawk Inn in Campbellville, On. New members introduced were, Bob Jones, VE3ADJ; Wilf Hopkins, VE3JNL; Geoffrey Weir, VE3GDW; Larry Asp, VE3RF; Earl Kaufman, VE3CTY; and as a Friend Roberta Williams, VA3RMW.

Long-term member and former Chapter President, Ted Bodman, VE3CD, was reported as a Silent Key, as was Dennis Eason, VE3BRO.

Our Speaker was Master Warrant Officer, Glen Rowe, of the Canadian Air Force, who gave us a fascinating talk about military aircraft, and some of their electronic and communication systems.

We also had a Certificate presentation to Robert Boyd, VE3SV, 75 years.

Clarke Bradford, VE3WCB; Jim Cull, VE3ND; John Hann, VE3LKH; Wilf Hopkins, VE3JNL; Len Morris VE3TM; Keith Jones, VE3MH; Francis Prouse, VE3FHP; Tom Watson, VE3CYL; all 60 years; Barc Nutter, VE3HAH; Bruce McLennan, VE3QB; 50 years; Francis Prouse, VE3FHP; Jim Thompson, VE3BCA; Jim Trayes, VE3FMT; Century Club.



Front Row left to right: Mary Card, VE3FEB, CH73 President; VE3JNL; VE3BCA; VE3ND. Back Row left to right: VE3QB; VE3FMT; VE3HAH; Harold Braun, VE3DWH, Certificate Chairman.



Master Warrant Officer, Glen Rowe, of the Canadian Air Force.

Our next meeting will be on 31 October, 2009. Halloween costumes are not required.

**Keith Bentley, VE3DHL, Secretary-Treasurer**

## **Chapter 76, Blue Ridge (NC)**

Another three months is about to become history and it's time again for our Chapter 76 report. If you hadn't noticed, it's that time of the year when hamfests abound and I urge everyone, to at least, buy a pre-registration ticket to your local gathering. You may not be able to attend but remember, without our continued participation, these events could easily become things of the past. Generally, hamfests by any name, are fund-raisers for local clubs and in several cases, provide generous scholarships, notably the Dayton Hamvention and the Shelby (NC) Hamfest. If you don't have any other reason, think of buying a pre-registration ticket as a raffle entry on a nice

prize. Okay, so much for the soapbox...on to the Chapter activities.

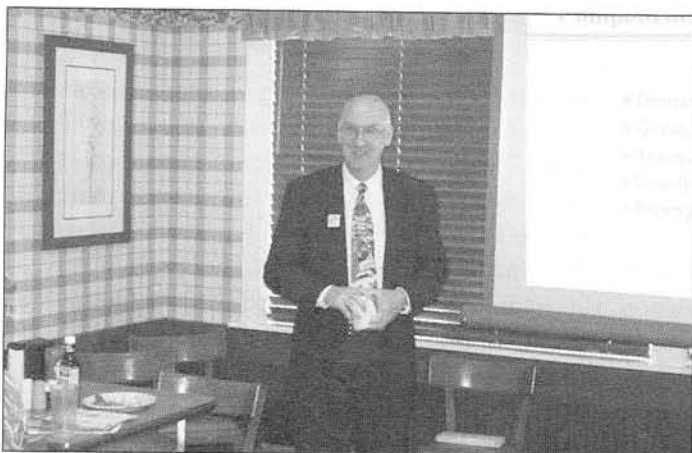
Our speaker for the April meeting was the Director of the Henderson County Heritage Museum, Jennie Jones Giles. About 10 years ago, our "historic" county courthouse was abandoned in favor of a new, larger and much more modern building, better able to handle the growing needs of the county. The "historic" courthouse, by then almost 100 years old, stood silent and shuttered while the powers that be tried to figure out what to do with it. Finally, in response to popular pressure, private money was raised and several million county dollars were allocated to completely renovate the building. It now houses the county commissioner's offices and their staff, a large commissioners meeting room and finally, the Henderson County Heritage Museum. Ms. Giles, a native of the area with deep roots, is well versed on local history and discussed the current displays and plans for the future. It is a treasure to be enjoyed by all, locals and the many county visitors.

For our May meeting, we went "in-house" to Chapter Secretary, Jeff Kelly, K4JAB, who gave us an overview of the HPSDR (High Performance Software Defined Radio). This presentation was originally given to the ARINC Amateur Radio Club and Technical Excellence Society by Brian Gaffney, K3PU, who worked on the final testing of one of the modules. The presentation identified several SDR configurations currently in use, the hardware and some new and interesting applications.

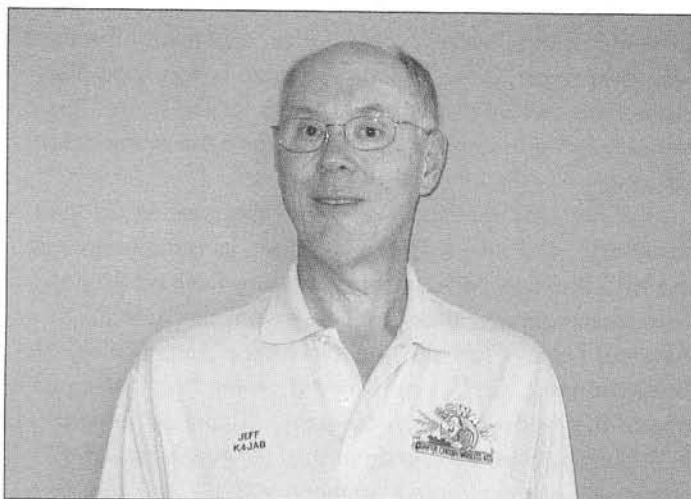
And finally, the June speaker was Mr Dave Erb, an adjunct professor at UNC Asheville. Dave has a long history with the automotive industry and his subject was, "Sustainable Transportation: A Future Worth Creating." While his presentation "leaned green", he brought up many interesting points on various fuels and automotive engines along with their efficiencies and nasty by-products. Surprisingly, he was not in favor of nuclear due to what he claimed as high hidden costs .... which came as a surprise to many of us. Solar would appear to be in the mix of long-range answers and changes will be coming as the costs of solar decreases and the efficiencies increase. I'm afraid the big changes will not happen in my lifetime so I'm stuck with my gas-burning Cadillac...alas! As a small token of our thanks, Dave was presented with one of our famous, dish washer-proof Chapter mugs.

That's it from Chapter 76. Reports have it that the recent rains have eliminated our multi-year drought (according to "the professionals" anyhow). Perhaps they fail to notice that many of our lakes are still at very low levels and I personally believe it will take time (and a lot more consistent rain) to get back to where we were years ago. It's still a great area to live in and visit .... stop by and see us. Chapter 76 meets on the first and third





Dave Erb with cup.



Jeff Kelly, K4JAB



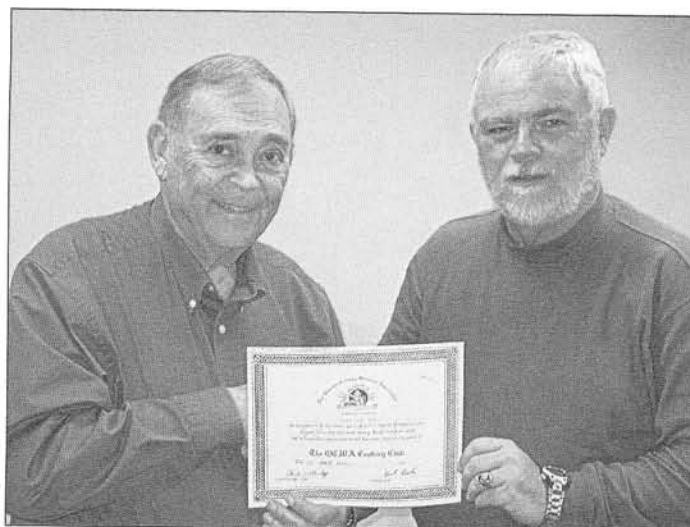
Jennie G. Jones.

Wednesdays at noon, Golden Corral on US 64 East.....  
"we'll leave a light on for ya" ...73

**Duke Knief, W4DK**

## **Chapter 85, Ark-La-Tex (LA)**

The quarterly meeting of Chapter 85 was held at the Bossier City Library and was well attended. Much of the



President Roger Ley, WA9PZL, receives the QCWA Century Award from Vice President, Mike McCrary, WB5LJQ.

meeting was devoted to a discussion of what to do with the radio equipment recently donated to the club. The equipment consists of several HF, VHF and UHF transceivers, antennas, power supplies, amplifiers, antenna tuners and accessories. The club decided to donate as much of the equipment as possible to a local, non-profit science and technology center called Sci-Port. Located in Shreveport, Louisiana, Sci-Port is a facility where people of all ages can explore the world of science, mathematics and technology. Since Sci-Port has at least nine licensed radio amateurs on staff, the donated equipment will be used to construct one or more working stations to demonstrate amateur communications to area visitors. Recently, Roger Ley (WA9PZL), Mike McCrary (WB5LJQ), and Dave Davis (W5WRG) installed a quadrifilar antenna on the roof at Sci-Port. The antenna will be used to monitor amateur communications from the International Space Station as part of a demonstration of satellite positioning and communications. The antenna was constructed by club member, Ben McCasland, WA5PTE.

President Roger Ley (WA9PZL) was presented with the QCWA Century Award. Congratulations Roger!

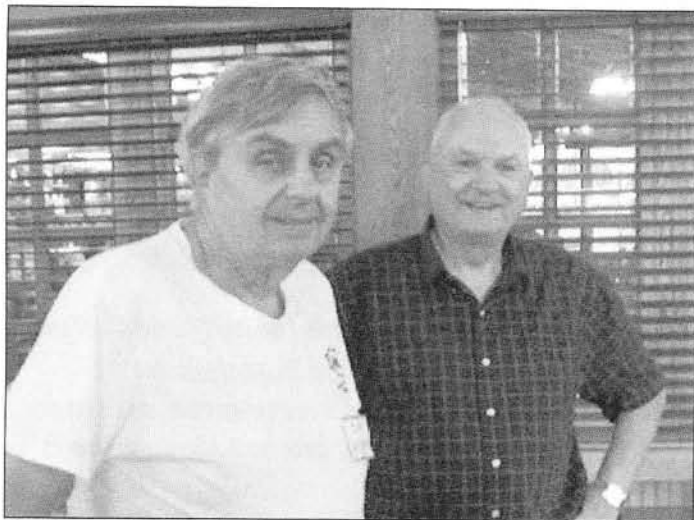
Club members gather at Darrell's Restaurant on Airline Drive in Bossier City on Thursdays at approximately 11 AM. All members and nonmembers are invited.

**John Stewart, AA5KV, Secretary/Treasurer**

## **Chapter 89, Palmetto (SC)**

The regular June meeting of SC Chapter 89 was held Saturday June 20, 2009 at Ryan's Steak House in Columbia.

We had good weather, although hot, and there was a good turnout. The usual fellowship and eye ball was held



Don Zupon, W3MIF (L); Jim Hill, W5AQP (R).



Left: Bryce Myers, K4LXO; Center: Kenneth Ferguson, K4KXO; Right: Bill Pennekamp, WA4WGP.

at 11 AM followed by an interesting program by President Bryce Myers, K4LXV.

Bryce gave a recap of the presentation on the SC HEARTS PROGRAM at the Dayton Hamfest.... SC CM Dr Jim Boehner, N2ZZ; and SC EC Charlie Miller, AE4UX were among the speakers and gave the history of the program and activities, to date.

The SCHEARTS program is The South Carolina Emergency Communications Radio Team whereby the participating hospitals in the state are linked by ham radio repeaters in all areas and is the result of several years work by its members.

The HEART network is owned and maintained by the SC ETV network and consists at present of 23 repeaters in the 6 designated areas of the state now directly linked by 144 and 440. The link up can be established from any one of several locations and is up and running each Sunday Night a 8 pm with all stations checking into a statewide net. The Sunday Night Hearts net is an ARES activity with QCWA members involved in most or all the

six geographical sections.

A complete report on the SCHEARTS program can be seen by clicking on this URL <http://www.scheart.us/>. A list of HEARTS repeaters in your area can be seen at <http://carc.ham-radio-op.net/arearepeaters/scheartsrepeaters.shtml>

**Ralph Mott, N4RM**

### **Chapter 91, Vic Clark (VA)**

It is with profound sadness that we report the death of Richard Rucker, KM4ML. He contributed the stories of QCWA Chapter 91 to the QCWA Journal for many years and was our body of knowledge in all matters relating to our Chapter. He contributed to the success of our Chapter in so many ways and always made sure that our meetings and other events were documented properly and retained for the future. He had a remarkable sense of history and will be sorely missed by all. So Dick, we cherish the time that you were with us and 73.

Chapter 91 had a Spring Checkup in April thanks to our Vice President, John Riser, WQ4L. He encouraged members to bring in their mobile and handheld rigs for analysis and tweaking as necessary. Lee Garlock, KD4RE added to the project by bringing some measuring equipment and we all left ready for action and on frequency.

In addition, John presented a series of recordings and technical analysis of just how our signals sounded on the air during one of our Sunday Morning Nets – very informative and revealing.

June found us on a trip to The National Museum of the U.S. Navy in the Navy Yard in downtown Washington, DC. At the pier, Frank Haynes, W4NUA, was able to tour a ship very similar to the the one that he had served upon. That brought back some memories that he was able to relate to several of us.

The U.S. Navy Museum was established in 1961 and opened to the public in 1963. As one of 14 Navy museums throughout the country, it is the only one that presents an overview of U.S. naval history. Permanent and temporary exhibitions commemorate the Navy's wartime heroes and battles as well as its peacetime contributions in exploration, diplomacy, space flight, navigation and humanitarian service.

Today The U.S. Navy Museum is the only naval museum to chronicle the history of the U.S. Navy from its creation to the present. Artifacts like USS Constitution's fighting top, the world's deepest diving submersible, Trieste, and the khaki uniform of former Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz make The Navy Museum's collection second to none.

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# **QCWA 2009 Cruise Convention**

## **October 24 - 31, 2009**

**Fort Lauderdale, FL; San Juan, Puerto Rico; & St Thomas, USVI**

Details at URL: <http://www.qcwa.org/2009-convention.pdf>



**O**ur Cruise Convention will begin in Fort Lauderdale, Florida as we board Holland America's brand new ship the Eurodam on **Saturday, October 24, 2009. As the cabins, meeting rooms, entertainment, food and most non-alcoholic beverages are included, there is no need for a registration fee.**

Our first full day, Sunday will be at sea, where you may operate any of the HF stations that ICOM Radio of America and Comet Antenna will be providing for your use. We hope to have a weather balloon long wire antenna floating above the rear of the ship – weather permitting. I do not know what contacts that will provide us, but it should make for some very nice picture opportunities. The HF stations will be operational 24/7 if there is a desire from our travelers. We will also offer a slate of Ham Forums for your enjoyment on this day and the other sea day, Thursday.

**With the very favorable exchange rate of the Canadian Dollar and Euro to the American Dollar at this time; it provides, I believe, an excellent opportunity to use this convention as a family vacation.** You can enjoy the Ham aspects of the cruise while non-Ham family and friends enjoy all the amenities provided by Holland America. Your non-Ham traveling companions will hardly notice you slipping away to operate Caribbean Maritime Mobile and be the pile up, instead of trying to bust into it.

On **Monday** we'll enjoy a relaxing 8-hour visit to Grant Turk for a little Scuba Diving, Horseback Beach Riding, Swimming, Dune Buggy Safari, or float dreamily over vibrant coral reefs.

**Tuesday** will put us in San Juan, PR from 10 AM to 11 PM to visit the old forts, El Yunque Rain Forest, Old San Juan Historical Walking Tour and see the Arecibo Observatory – the world largest Radio Telescope. The Observatory is normally closed on Tuesday, however if there is interest from our group, I can make special arrangements to have the facility opened for a private tour and take care of the transportation. It is a trip worth taking if you can.

**Wednesday** has us in St Thomas, from 8 AM to 5 PM, a most wonderful place to shop – duty free seven-weeks before Christmas. Swim, snorkel and feed the fish in the crystal-clear Caribbean water and shop until you drop. St Thomas is the place for that.

For clarification on any of the above information and greater details on the cruise itself – Cabin selection, Air Transportation, travel insurance, and radio gear to bring along, please contact me by email at: [wa9jmo@wi.net](mailto:wa9jmo@wi.net); by telephone at 262-639-7327, and/or U.S. Postal regular mail to: Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, 5400 Six Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402-9741.

If you have not been on a cruise before, an adventure of a lifetime awaits you; if you are a cruiser, you know what I mean.

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# ORLANDO **HamCation**<sup>SM</sup>

## **Amateur Radio & Computer Show**

AT THE CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS  
4603 West Colonial Drive Orlando, Florida 32808

**February 12, 13 & 14**

Kick off the year 2010 in Orlando, at one of the great hamfests. See the latest equipment. Shop for swap table deals. Find bargains at the largest tail-gating area in the Southeast. There are transceivers, mobile rigs, HT's, amps, antennas, call-letter hats, wire, parts, T-shirts, eye-ball QSO's, QSL cards, forums, food, computers, sun and fun. You'll think it's ham heaven.

Home of some of the best known theme parks on earth, Orlando has all you need to round out your visit. It will be a great vacation for you and the family. Make your plans now for the 2010 Orlando HamCation<sup>SM</sup>.

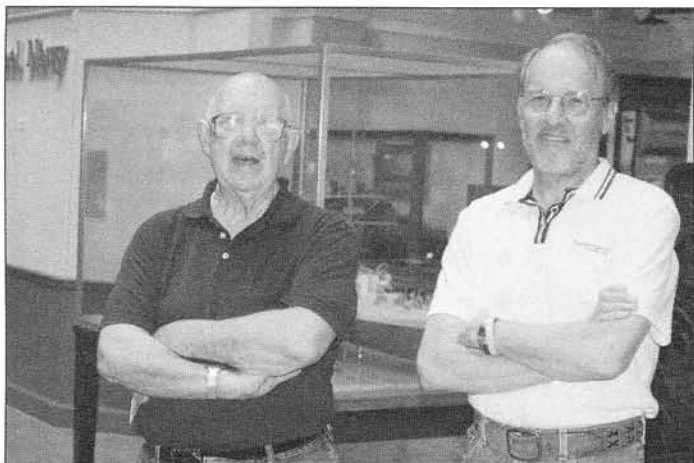
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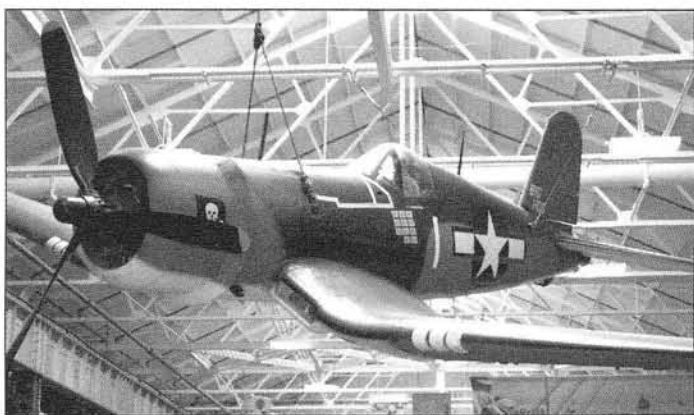
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Vice President, John Riser, WQ4L; and Treasurer, Phil Paullin, W4PXP, pose during our Naval Museum tour.



The backbone of the U.S. Naval Air offense in Korea.



Chapter 91 member Frank Haynes, W4NUA, served on a similar ship in Korea.

After our guided tour, went to a fun Irish Bar and restaurant near the Headquarters of the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. That facility may turn out to be a tour for Chapter 91 in the future.

June found us visiting the truly remarkable contest / DX, et al, station of Frank Donovan, W3LPL. For more than 40 years, Frank has been at the forefront of contest station design technology. Each year, on the Saturday

before Father's Day he opens up his vast facility for a great day of food, fellowship and fun - ham radio style. Thanks Frank, for letting QCWA Chapter 91 join with you all once again.

Visit us at [www.qcwa-91.org](http://www.qcwa-91.org) All photos are courtesy of Frank Haynes, W4NUA.

**Tim Donovan, WA4CLK, President**

## **Chapter 112, Yankee (RI)**

Our Annual Meeting was held at the Chateau Restaurant on April 18, 2009 in Norton, MA. The meeting was opened by WA1ENO, Tony, with introductions. There were 23 members and guests present.

The Secretary's report for the February 2009 meeting was accepted as read.

Awards were presented to members for years of service: 55 Years: Blanche Randles, W4GXZ, and Harry Ketler, W1DGD; 70 Years: Joe Santangelo, N1JS. Elections were held for the 2009-2010 Officers. President: WA1ENO, Tony Manna; Vice President: WB6VVA, Skip Swenson; Secretary: K4IJK, Janice Lentz, and Treasurer: K1IGD, Chuck Walbridge.

By-Law Change: KK3P, Bob presented a motion to amend the By-Laws to include the immediate Past President to be an official member of the Executive Board. Motion was passed unanimously.

Our next meeting will be the Joint New England QCWA Chapter Picnic on July 11, 2009 at the New England Wireless and Steam Museum, East Greenwich, RI. Hope to see everyone there.

**Janice Lentz, K4IJK, Secretary**

## **Chapter 115, Chattanooga (TN)**

The Chapter met Friday, May 29, at Wally's Restaurant in East Ridge, TN. We had as our guests Glen Clayton, W4BDB, Section Manager for Tennessee, and his wife Jean. Glen addressed our group on the items of interest to Tennessee hams, announced that Governor Bredeson had declared the week of Field Day Amateur Radio Week. Glen said he was surprised as to how much the Governor knew about Amateur Radio, our frequencies and Field Day.

Glen also announced his running for a second term as Section Manager. He explained about his appointing his wife Jean as his East Tennessee Assistant Section Manager so she could do all the paper work. This brought a chuckle from the group. Glen ended his talk explaining how difficult it is to cover all the ARRL events in Tennessee as it is such a long state.

The next scheduled meeting is Friday evening, August 4, at 6 PM. This event may be moved from Wally's to a location better suited for a family gathering with entertainment.

**Charlie Curle, AD4F, Secretary/Treasurer**

### **Chapter 119, Tidewater (VA)**

'Simmer' has arrived in Tidewater, VA, right on schedule. The first official week of summer saw days of unrelenting heat and humidity – par for the course in this area. We try to take comfort in recalling just how much we longed for these days in the depths of our 'winter' season which, to so many of you would seem almost insulting, our winters being as mild as they are compared to yours.

Mid-year finds us just about mid-way to our objective of building Chapter 119 membership by adding 30 new members to the Chapter in this, our 30th Anniversary



*Chapter 119 Members (L to R) Rich, N2XQM, logging; and Steve, W4XQ, at the mic, push the IC-7800 to many QSOs at Field Day, 2009. Photo: Vic Culver, W4VIC.*



*Barry Priddy, K5VIP, Chapter 119 member, at the Chesapeake Amateur Radio Society Field Day event attaches Aluma tower to shelter. Photo: Joan Gorman, KJ4QAN.*

Year. Please join our members and friends in welcoming to QCWA and Chapter 119 Joe Minton, K4ORH, from the neighboring state of North Carolina, just down the road a bit; and to Chapter 91 Member and now the newest member of Chapter 119, Ron Tingle, K4ML, also from nearby North Carolina. These gentlemen are most welcome at Chapter 119, a dynamic and as active a group of QCWAers as you'll find anywhere. Congratulations, Joe and Ron – may we have a long and mutually rewarding association.

Chapter 119-sponsored IOTA Expedition to Tangier Island is on track and will come to fruition on July 23rd as W4T, the expedition call sign, takes to the airwaves through July 26th. We hope you found us on the air. QSL (SASE please) via K5VIP.

Also on track is the planning for our Joint Excursion with QCWA Chapter 91 – Vic Clark to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Greenbank, WV, which will take place mid-August. Plans include extending the tour of the observatory an extra day to permit rides on the Cass Mountain Railway up to the top of Bald Knob, the second highest peak in West Virginia. Our members and friends are looking forward to this event.

Audio/visual presentations at recent meetings have included topics such as Lunchtime DXpeditions, an Overview of the DXLab Suite of rig control and logging programs, and an overview of the Logbook Of The World (LoTW) program. Members and friends attending these meetings were encouraged to develop computer based logging programs if they were not already using them and to get on board with the LoTW program if they were not already using this program. To those of us who are active on the air it is inconceivable that anyone would resist using this most useful program (LoTW) which is so clearly beneficial to all.

Chapter 119 congratulated Ray Johnson, K5RJ, joint Chapter 91/119 Member, who recently received QCWA's Worked 100 Members Award. George (Roach) VE3BNO, QCWA Activities Manager, says that this is only the third award he has processed in his tenure. Several Chapter 119 members are working diligently toward this award and we look forward to more awards in the near future.

As we encourage our own members to get on the air, we say – GET IN THE GAME! Be your own coach and put yourself in the game. See you On The Air.

**Vic Culver, W4VIC, Secretary**

### **Chapter 120, QCWW**

Our Annual Meeting will take place on board Holland America's Eurodam during QCWA's week long

Convention Cruise from 24-31 October 2009. The ship will be departing from and returning to Fort Lauderdale, FL. Our meeting will take place just prior to the Convention's cocktail party on Thursday, October 29, 2009. We should have a complete wrap-up of our on-board activities in Chapter Reports for the Winter issue of the Journal. Come join us if you can. Details on the cruise appear elsewhere in this Journal.

Chapter 120 celebrates its 30th Anniversary this year; formed as a Chapter for QCWA's YL Hams – thus the Chapter name: Quarter Century Wireless Woman – QCWW. Blanche Randles, W4GXZ wrote in the Spring 1998 QCWA Journal that; "Many QCWA members are confused about our Chapter. We are not a separate organization. We are a Chapter like any other QCWA Chapter. We were founded in 1979. The founding members: Ethel Smith, K4LMB; Leonice Woodward, W1ZEN; and Blanche Randles, W4GXZ, realized there were many YLs who were eligible for QCWA but were not members. Thus the purpose of this Chapter was to encourage qualified women amateur(s) to actively participate in QCWA activities. Any YL or OM who is a member of QCWA in good standing is eligible to join the QCWW Chapter"....

The Chapter's annual and only meeting occurs during the yearly QCWA Convention – in a U.S. or Canadian hotel complex or on board the Caribbean and Alaskan cruise outings. For many years we mailed out quarterly newsletters (sYLver Sparks) and hosted a QCWW net on 14.288 MHz at 11 AM Pacific Time. Both are currently on hold pending a group push to re-activate them again.

At the QCWA Convention/QCWW annual meeting in October of 2006 the Chapter voted to become a virtual chapter and suspended the annual dues requirement.

In addition to the quarter journal reports, Ester Given, W6BDE (SK) wrote a QCWA Journal full page column – "sYLver Belles" highlighting a chapter YL each quarter. (interesting reading – I miss that column).

We have a WEB Site <http://www.qsl.net/qcwa120>, or it may be reached via [www.qcwa.org](http://www.qcwa.org) under the link Chapter 120. The last 12 years of our annual meeting minutes are listed along with the current Officers, photos, a membership application, our by-laws (currently being reviewed and re-written pending membership approval by Ann Nutter, VE3HAI) and a few other facts about the chapter. If you are a past member, a current one, or just are interested in QCWW, please send me an email at [wa9jmo@wi.net](mailto:wa9jmo@wi.net). I would like to restart the sYLver Sparks as an email newsletter. And we would like you to become part of our Chapter. If you are not on email, I may be reached by telephone at 262-639-7327 and/or by direct mail to 5400 Six Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402-9741

**Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, Secretary/Treasurer/Editor**

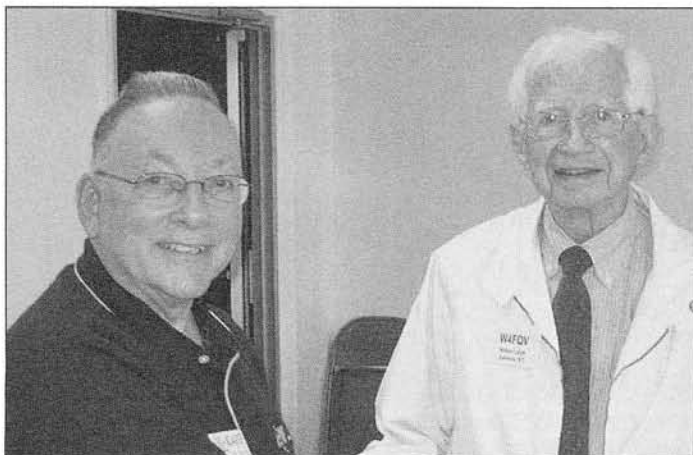
## Chapter 126, Piedmont (NC)

The Piedmont Chapter 126 held its regular meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Classic Restaurant in Denton, NC. There were 25 members and guests present. The following Board members were present: Chuck K4HF; Kent, K4MK; Charlie, WB4DCM, and Wayne, W4HG. The Board discussed possible locations and programs for future meetings, and the Treasurer's Report. All but a few folks have paid their 2009 dues.

At the general meeting following blessing, lunch and introductions, President, Chuck, K4HF, announced that our newest chapter members included Sharon Rogers, KA4ZBJ; Frank Weiss, KY4W, and Carl Ponto, KJ4WD. Carl and his wife, Lee, were present for Carl to be presented his new Chapter Membership Certificate. Sec/Tres Charlie, WB4DCM, gave the Treasurer's Report and the Q2 Net Report received from NCS W4DGJ. W4DGJ, WJ4DX and W4WXZ missed the fewest net sessions. The following Certificates were awarded: Nelson Large, W4FQV, for 70 years; Dick Genaille, W4UW for 60 years and Charles Littlewood, K4HF for Century Club Membership. Kent, K4MK, then introduced our speaker,



(L) Dick Genaille, W4UW, receiving his 60-Year Certificate from Chuck, K4HF, Chapter 126.



(R) Nelson Large, W4FQV receiving his 70-Year Certificate from Chuck, K4HF.



John Scott, K8YC who gave us a great presentation on "Hamcap," propagation freeware, patterned after a program used by VOA Broadcasting. For more information go to [www.dxatlas.com](http://www.dxatlas.com) or Google "Hamcap".

Having the QCWA icon with a link on our (RARS) local radio club website, sending folks to our Chapter 126 site has been well received and accounted for the attendance of several guests at our Chapter meetings. Don't forget to check your eligibility for QCWA Awards.

Wayne, W4HG, won the 50/50 drawing and Guest Gary Pearce, KN4AQ, won the Book on Low Band DXing. Remember our Saturday morning net. It was good to see some members and guests that we haven't seen at our meetings in some time. The next Chapter 126 Meeting is planned for September 12, 2009 at a location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

**Chuck Littlewood, K4HF, President**

### **Chapter 134, Pine Tree (ME)**

The QCWA Pine Tree Chapter 134, met at the Happy China Restaurant, Bangor, on June 6, 2009. The meeting was opened at 1:30 PM by President, Bruce Randall, W1ZE. There were 15 members and one guest present. Bruce, W1ZE, reported on the awarding of the 75-Year plaque to Dick Baldwin, W1RU, (former General Manager of ARRL; former President of IARU), and a 70-Year Certificate to Carl Watson (former PanAm radio operator; former Deputy Sheriff of Lincoln County ME), W1NV. The Pine Tree Chapter recognized their exceptionally long service at Carl's 88th birthday party on April 17, 2009 in Damariscotta. More details are reported elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

Ed Wynne, N1WY, is interested in joining QCWA, but has forgotten the Novice call issued to him in 1964 that would qualify him for membership. Any member who has a 1965 Callbook is encouraged to contact Ed at [b-ewynne@lincoln.midcoast.com](mailto:b-ewynne@lincoln.midcoast.com) Ed would like to borrow an old Callbook to see if he can hunt down his old callsign. The Pine Cone Net has suspended operation (as it does every year) for the summer. The next session of the Pine Cone Net is scheduled for September 13 at 2:00 pm EDT. Bill, N1KAT, reported that the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club intends to make a substantial cash contribution to the ARRL Educational Fund in the name of all Maine hams. The Chapter thanks the "Andy" Club for its generosity.

Rita, W1UZR, discussed <http://qsonet.com/>, a virtual operating environment.

Our next meeting will be on October 31, 2009 in the Lewiston area. Time and place to be arranged, and will

be published in the October 2009 issue of the Chapter newsletter. Al, W3ZD, will give a presentation about his father (Roy Corderman, W3ZD-SK, a pioneer in ham radio, from 1912) at the October meeting.

Steve, AA4AK, recently received his 300 country endorsement in DXCC. He was recently appointed as the Maine Section QSL Checker for DXCC, WAS, VUCC and WAC. If you have cards to check, please contact Steve at [ker-cell@suscom-maine.net](mailto:ker-cell@suscom-maine.net) to schedule an appointment.

Al (ex-WB1EFN) was able to get his deceased father's callsign, W3ZD. It took a bit of doing for Al to hang on to the call sign. In January 2009, another applicant petitioned the FCC, saying that the application should not have been granted because the exception in the vanity call sign system's rules apply only to close survivors of the most recent person to hold the call sign, and not to close relatives of any deceased prior holder. The FCC disagreed with the petition. We congratulate Al for his persistence in winning this bureaucratic tug-of-war.

On May 20, several members of the Chapter participated in the operation of a Special Event station, N1R, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Midcoast Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Al, W3ZD, and several of his fellow DX club members from New Orleans (and various Mainers) plan to activate Seguin Island (NA-137) in the RSGB IOTA Contest, July 26-27.

**Stephen W. Kercel, AA4AK, Secretary/Treasurer**

### **Chapter 138, Marconi (NJ)**

Marconi Chapter 138 held its annual awards at a backyard picnic at Vice President, Bernie Riccardi's house in Manasquan, NJ, on Sunday, June 14, 2009. There were 19 members and spouses present. Service anniversary Awards were presented to Elmer Palkowetz, W2LSR (70 years); Ed Erickson, W2CVW (60 years); Past Treasurer, Dave Ottenberg, WA2DJN (50 years); Past President, Ron Olender, WA2HZN (50 years), and Past President Joe Dreifuss, W2KQ (50 years). A 75-Year plaque had been previously presented to Ray Minichiello, W1BC, in Las Vegas. Congratulations to all!

Vice President, Bernie Ricciardi, WB2EJT, gave a talk about the progress being made at the Infoage Museum and the opening up of much more space for our displays. He proposed that our theme be to show the progress of communications in the past 150 years. We will need the support of all Chapter 138 members to produce the range of displays needed. Please think of how YOU can help.

**Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary**



Receiving 50-Year Service Anniversary Certificates are (l to r): Joe Dreifuss, W2KQ; Ron Olender, WA2HZT; and Dave Ottenberg, WA2DJN. Making the presentation is Vice President, Bernie Ricciardi, WB2EJT (right).

## Chapter 141, High Plains (TX)

Ham radio has turned into what is now described as an old geezer's hobby. There are still a few young folks, but the percentage is extremely low compared to 1955 when I joined the hobby.

Carol (my wife who holds the call WD5DCZ) and I attended the DX Dinner at HamCom in Plano on June 12th. With the help of some good prize offerings all 200 tickets had been sold. After we took our seats, I looked around and quickly realized that probably well over 85 percent of those attending were eligible for QCWA. Most likely the number of YLs was under 5 percent. That picture really needed to be a little different.

Some are saying we need the kids to keep the hobby alive. I disagree with that statement, but I do feel the kids are needed. For one thing, they really help energize the

rest of us; if nothing else, they cause us to think a bit harder.

I keep hearing that today's kids are different. I think what has happened is merely that they have been presented with a different set of opportunities. Those introduced to ham radio today are brought into the fold via FM repeaters. Now don't get me wrong, I am not knocking FM repeaters, they serve some needs very well; but truthfully, not a lot of "magic" takes place there.

Hearing RF from the continent of Africa, now that leads to excitement. Working North Dakota with 2 watts on 40 meters, now that isn't bad either. Checking out the shortwave bands can be pretty entertaining.

Kids are competitive, Contesting would be right up their alley. Chasing states and DX would be of interest to many of them. Some would love building kits and simple projects. Contrary to what many believe, the kids joining contest activities soon discover that Morse code brings more points to the final score.

A few of us here in the Texas Panhandle (Chip Andrews, N5LTZ; Dan McCabe, WA8YYE; John Robinson, WD5FOL; myself, (and no doubt a few others) recently kicked an idea around of creating a "radio library" with some older HF receivers, thinking the concept of letting kids twist a few knobs just might help widen an interest in ham radio. The intention is to loan receivers to them for 2 to 6 months to provide a means of discovering shortwave listening and ham radio.

The decision was made to pursue this idea. With the intent to collect enough in contributions to purchase half a dozen radios, refurbish them, and spread them around kids such as Boy Scouts having completed Radio Merit Badges, our small group had a mission. We intend to include Girl Scouts next.

The Panhandle Amateur Radio Club of Amarillo has its Picnic each May. The event includes a mini-swapfest, a lot of eyeball QSOs, some activities from Chapter 141 of the QCWA (most of the Chapter 141 members are also members of the Panhandle Club), and a barbecue luncheon.

A swapfest slot was taken to sell "trinkets" with all proceeds going to the "radio library." A few folks made simple donations towards the cause. When the dust settled the jar contained \$106.75. In addition three receivers had been donated to our cause, a Hallicrafters SX-100, SX-110, and SX-122. My thought was that in 1955 I would have loved to have had the use of a SX-100. The "radio library" was on its way!!!

Dan McCabe agreed to refurbish all of the radios. Chip Andrews planned to make the purchase of a couple of more radios off eBay, probably Realistic DX-150s or DX-160s.

HamCom, the largest amateur radio convention in



Left to right: Rita Hale, W1UZR; Dot Young, W1TGY; Ben Blodget, W1VEH; Paul Cecil, KA5FPT; Bill Woodhead, N1KAT; Phil Young, W1JTH; Bruce Randall, W1ZE; Jerry Burns, K1GUP; and Steve Kercel, AA4AK

Texas, happens in June of each year. Upon arriving there, getting our tickets, and taking a stroll down the hall, I noted that the McKinney Amateur Radio Club had a big display that contained a lot of used vintage gear. Some money exchanged hands and I walked off \$150 less in my billfold from having purchased a Hammarlund HQ-110 and HQ-140.

Just down the hall was the Plano Amateur Radio Klub and they had a grungy looking HQ-100 with a tag that said, "Make offer." "What does that mean?" "Offer me \$5 and you get the radio." "Does that include the speaker?" "Its yours." Walking by the McKinney display again I heard, "Give us \$30 and the S-20R is yours." The S-20R, it didn't work, but was nice looking, was added to the collection.

Heading to the outside flea market I found a NC-57 with a lot of scratches and a few wrong knobs. To the best of my knowledge that doesn't change the sensitivity, selectivity, or stability. Twenty dollars later and I had it. Upon running across a pair of nice looking Hammarlund HQ-170s, one for \$125 and the other for \$100, I realized I had already overspent my budget by about \$100. A phone call to Chip about the \$100 unit and he said, "Tell the guy to hold it and I will be there in a few minutes with the cash, we want the radio."

Carol and I had driven over 300 miles to attend HamCom, taking Carol's little Honda Civic to conserve on fuel. Upon leaving Amarillo we had not planned to buy vintage radios. On the way back, Jan, one of Carol's nieces, was with us to spend a couple of weeks. She had her luggage, add the radios purchased, and it should be easy to understand we had a space problem, the HQ-100 sat on the back floorboard, some overflow of luggage was in the back seat, poor Jan was hurting for room, and it would take several hours to arrive at our final destination. Carol's car had never been loaded to that extent.

HamCom weekend had just added 6 more receivers plus a couple of speakers to our project bringing the total number to 9 which exceeded our goal by 3 receivers. Some work and a little more expense will be required. At this point we have \$305 invested. We know we are in need of several pair of vintage headphones, the kind that have 2K impedances, plus a few speakers.

The comment has been heard that our project would be better if we had purchased new radios. Dan and I don't agree. First off, it is sort of hard to find one new radio for \$305, much less several of them. Next it doesn't hurt for the youngsters to experience drift and calibration issues, plus a few other idiosyncrasies of vintage gear. Older general coverage receivers will lead them into learning how to approximate frequency from the use of a logging scale. Some will learn about secondary frequency standards (crystal calibrators). Many will learn about

IF pass bands (both width and slope characteristics). A few will experience the use of single pole crystal filters. Our feeling is they will develop a better overall understanding of receivers than those gathering the information out of a book. Hopefully all will experience hearing signals emitted from the continent of Africa or hear a QSO or two from Australia. Perhaps some will burn the mid-night oil to hear JA stations on 40 meters.

This program seems a natural for many QCWA organizations. A lot of old timers have vintage receivers gathering dust in closets that could be put to good use in the hands of a youngster. I think it would be wonderful to see a movement like this spread across our nation.

Making a program like this happen successfully will require one or two guys with test equipment helping refurbish the radios. Another member needs to write a document explaining a little about propagation and how to use the radios. Someone else needs to draw up a legal document to release the clubs of liabilities such as a youngster deciding to remove the radio from its cabinet and checking out the insides with power applied. Another person needs to be the custodian.

A bit of work, yes. It could be very rewarding though, and due to the nature of drawing on various skills, it leads to teamwork that could really be positive for your local QCWA Chapter or maybe bond the QCWA Chapter better with one of the other radio clubs if they are working together.

Helping a kid is a good thing. I was eleven years of age when I got my first ticket. I still cherish those days. I fondly remember many of the seasoned operators of those days. Considering all of that, I certainly hope today's kids will have pleasant memories of us after the calendar flips a few times.

Please give all of this some consideration. Join the drive to recruit young people into our wonderful hobby. Your leadership has been developed over a lot of years, now is a good time to put it to use by making an investment in the future of ham radio.

*Jim Musgrove, K5BZH*

## **Chapter 146, Twin State (NH)**

The Twin State Chapter's first meeting of the year was held at the Crown Garden Restaurant on June 13th, 2009 in Claremont, NH. 17 members and guests attended. President Makul introduced himself to the assemblage and asked everyone to give their name and where they reside. We all sang and wished Carl Breuning, N1CB, a Happy Birthday. President Makul, reminded everyone about the all NE Chapter meeting in Greenwich, R.I. on July 11, 2009 at the New England Wireless Steam Museum. He



suggested if there was any interest in going there as a group, we could car pool. Don't forget that Wisconsin is the host for this year's National Convention for a cruise to San Juan, Puerto Rico, leaving Ft. Lauderdale, FL on October 24th, 2009 and returning October 31st, 2009. If you would like further information, the latest QCWA Journal has all of the activities and prices for the Convention in October. "Skip" Swenson, WB6VVA talked about a possible NE Chapters National Convention. More on that at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be in August 2009, the place yet to be determined. We will send out notices as to time and place at a later date.

There was no business forthcoming for the assemblage so the meeting stood adjourned at 1:40PM. Don't forget our 2 nets, one on Sunday at 8:30AM on 3.912MHz and Thursday at 7:00PM on 146.76MHz, Mt. Ascutney Repeater.

**Cheryl Breuning, WA1WEY, Secretary/Treasurer**

## **Chapter 150, DEL-MAR-VA (DE)**

We are happy to report that the Del-mar-va Chapter has picked up several new members and our overall membership count is slowly increasing. However, we are sorry to report that two of our long time members became Silent Keys so far this year.

Earl C. Radding, KD3IH, became a Silent Key on February 1, 2009. Earl was first licensed in 1952 but had an interest in radio since 1922 at age 10 when he built his first crystal set. Earl also was licensed as WN3TVS in 1952 and KA3HAW in 1980. Earl attended most of our luncheons and was approaching his 97th birthday. Earl's son, Pete, is W2GJ.

George S. Williams, W3PVO, who was a Charter

member of Chapter 150 became a Silent Key on April 18, 2009 at the age of 93. George became interested in learning the Morse Code after watching the ships flash messages to each other while in the army during the 1940's. He became licensed as W3PVO in 1949 and became active in MARS Army in 1950.

At the April luncheon, Jim Laws, K0UWO was presented with his 50-Year Service Award by Sec/Tres, John Willmuth, NQ4Q.

Chapter 150 luncheon meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Greene Turtle in Lewes, DE. Changes in location will be announced on our Sunday on air net and on our web site. All are welcome to attend.

Chapter 150 meets on the air every Sunday at 9:00 AM local time on 146.82 MHz (-). Please join us if you are in the area.

Additional information and photos are available on our web site, [www.qcwa150.com](http://www.qcwa150.com) or contact John Willmuth, NQ4Q at [willmuth@dmv.com](mailto:willmuth@dmv.com).

**John Willmuth, NQ4Q Secretary/Treasurer**

## **Chapter 151, Wild Rose (Alberta)**

The Chapter held its 25th Anniversary Banquet on May 9, 2009. There were 36 in attendance.

President, Ken Oelke, VE6AFO, read congratulatory letters from QCWA National President, Bob Roske, NØUF, to Les Card, VE6CA, for celebrating 70 years in amateur radio and to Tim Ellam, VE6SH, for his recent election as President of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). Ironically, Tim took office the same day as our banquet and therefore gave his first official speech at the Chapter Banquet. Of course we are all proud that we can boast about this. Tim noted how things evolved over the years in



**L-R: John Willmuth, NQ4Q, and Jim Laws, K0UWO (50 -Year Service Award).**



**Chapter 151. 25th Anniversary, Tim Ellam, VE6SH.**

his life as an amateur radio operator to the point of him becoming President of the IARU.

Chapter 151's oldest member, Les Card, VE6CA, gave a presentation of his life story. I believe we all come to realize how things have evolved and changed over the years! Chapter 151 presented a plaque to Les honoring him in his 70 years as an amateur radio operator.

The next meeting of Chapter 151 will be held on September 26, 2009. This will be the annual general meeting in where election of new Officers for the Chapter will take place. Chapter 151's term of office for the executive is two years.

**Ken Oelke, VE6AFO, President**

### **Chapter 154, Leo Meyerson, Greater Palm Springs (CA)**

Our last meeting of the season at the Palm Desert Greens Country Club featured Patricia Layton, Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor, California Highway Patrol, Indio Area. Judging by the in-depth and thoughtful questions from the audience, Ms. Layton's talk was informative and very well received. On behalf of the Chapter, I wish to thank her for taking time from her busy schedule to attend our luncheon.

Thanks to help from several members of the Coachella Valley ham community, we have successfully disposed of the radio-related assets from the estate of Jim Cook, WA7YVW (SK). Jim's widow, Pat, expresses her appreciation for the help during this difficult time.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 19, 2009.

**Gene Pentecost, W4IMT, President**

### **Chapter 162, Southeast Wisconsin (WI)**

Another successful Field Day has slid into history. Operating 3 Alpha Battery (QRP) chapter members and a few visitors fought the QRM, pile ups, and high powered stations to grab as many SSB contacts as we could. Our CW and digital staff had other commitments this year, so FD 2009 was a 100 percent voice operation. But we had fun!

I would like to thank Bonnie (WB9ZKX) and Gene (WB9ZKY) Haney for the wonderful sandwiches and donuts; Lloyd Grosiski, WB9RGO, for bringing the water, soda and ice; and Frank Moss, KC9ILZ, for setting up his grill and providing the whole gang with cheese, sausages and burgers. We had a little dab of rain Saturday evening and cooling winds Sunday morning. The wind was hard



*Ron Fox, K9AKH; Danielle Perse, KC9PAK; and Pat Hoppe, WW9R.*

on one of the tents but there were no mosquitoes. And our goal of setting up and making one contact was easily met this year.

Our Chapter would like to offer our congratulations to Danielle Perse, KC9PAK, the third recipient of our annual Spencer L. Clope, W9LDH Memorial \$500 Scholarship. Danielle is a Technician Class license holder working on upgrading to General. She is a Sophomore in Nursing at Mount Mary College in Southern Wisconsin and the daughter of member Pat Hoppe, WW9R.

Summer has just arrived as I am writing, but fall will be knocking on our door as this issue of the Journal arrives in our mailbox. Fall means our annual meeting and election of next year's Directors. Hopefully our Nominating Committee has contacted you and you have agreed to stand for a Director's position. We will again be dining at the American Grille Restaurant at Racine's Marriott Hotel on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at noon. After brunch we will elect the Directors and then our 2010 Officers.

The Chapter is looking for nominations for our Olie Fox, K9AKG, Recognition of Excellence Award and our newly-established Bob Jensen, WØWLM, Life Time Achievement Award. The Olie Fox Award is for an individual who has contributed to their community and Amateur Radio in a significant manner during the past year and must have been first licensed 25 years prior to receiving this recognition. The Bob Jensen Award is for an individual that has contributed significantly to their community and Amateur Radio over several years.

As the host Chapter for the 2009 QCWA Convention, we also will be hosting the fall QCWA QSO Party in September at about the time you will be receiving your Quarterly Journal. Please join us; details are in the fall Journal.

**Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO**

## Chapter 165, York County (PA)

On June 20, 28 members and guests of Chapter 165 met for the annual family picnic.

The weather was overcast skies, but the rain held off until the picnic was over.

As has been the practice the Chapter met at the outdoor pavilion of the Keystone VHF Club. The chapter provided the hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks. The members each brought a covered dish. This has been a high-



*Members of Chapter 165!*

light of our Chapter activities for 18 years.

After the picnic lunch a short business meeting was held. We discussed the possibility of several trips to points of interest as a group. The York County Industrial Museum was one place mentioned. Chip Morgan, N3IW, our President invited us all to attend the Field Day activities of the Penn-Mar Radio Club on the following weekend.

After the meeting, there was a silent auction of ham items brought by members. Some really good junk changed hands.

**Ray Shaub, W3AXC, Secretary/Treasurer**

## Chapter 169, Sacramento Valley (CA)

Chapter 169 meeting presentations were quite varied and included:

Video on stealth antennas at the QTH of Dale Lingenfelter, KF6MD; Robin Alexander, NX6Z, on his trip to Pacificon/Encomm convention; Talk about contesting by Armond Noble, N6WR, and a video of the Northern California DX Foundation on an expedition to Clipperton Island in 2008, operating as TX5C, and presented by Gary Stilwell, KI6T.

My greatest apology to John Webb, W7GE whom I reported as a SK in the spring Journal. Quite the opposite, John is alive and well. Sorry John.

During the quarter we did lose longtime Life Member, Marion Henson, W6NKR. Marion was quite active in contesting. RIP dear Marion.

Long-time member, John Minke, N6JM, is moving to Homer, Alaska. John donated his radio gear to the group and lots of money was raised with a silent auction.

Tom York, N6DFL, is active with our 75 meter net. Peter Onnigian, W6QEU, is recovering nicely from his fall. Don Johnson, W6AAQ; and Letha Johnson, W6HMD, has been unable to get to meetings recently.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at Denny's located at 7900 College Town Drive in Sacramento. The restaurant is just north of Highway 50 and on the west side of Howe Avenue. Gathering starts around 11:00 a.m. for a no-host lunch and meetings start around 12 noon. We try to finish by 1:30 p.m. YLs are always welcome. For further information contact our Secretary, Gary Stilwell, KI6T at (916) 961-6659.

**Gary Stilwell, KI6T, Secretary/Treasurer**

## Chapter 181, Hudson Valley (NY)

Hudson Valley Chapter 181 held its annual meeting at Mazzaferro Restaurant in Yonkers, New York, on

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Saturday, June 20, 2009. This was a joint meeting with Founders Chapter 46 and the Council of Northeast Chapters of QCWA (CONEX).

A moment of silence took place in memory of recent Silent Keys – Dick Robinson, W2OZA; Harrison Moore, W2JQS; and John Weber, KA2IXW.

Lunch was served. The food and service were very good.

Treasurer, Stan Egelberg, W2WQK, gave the Treasurer's Report and we are in good financial health.

Jerry Mulburg, W2MJP, was awarded a 70-Year Certificate. Stan Egelberg, WA2WQK, was awarded a 60-Year Certificate.

Special guest, Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, described how hams make the New York City Marathon possible. Steve works for a major TV network and is a game day frequency coordinator for Jets games.

Chapter 181 held an election for Officers and Directors and the following Officers were elected: President, W2NBT, Sy Yuter; Vice President, Lou Leonard, WA2UJ; Secretary-Treasurer, W2WQK, Stan Egelberg. The following Directors were elected: Charlie Hellman, W2RP; Jerry Muhlberg, W2MJP; Gus Levy, W2LAP; Frank Lauri, W2IX; Mike Rapp, KA2FLB.

The Hudson Valley Chapter net meets every Sunday at 8:30 on 3.917 MHz.

**Sy Yuter, W2NBT, President**

### **Chapter 196, Edison (FL)**

Chapter 196 Secretary Don Cole, WA2JNM, had the honor of presenting Gary Wilson, WA8DAF, his 50 year certificate of amateur radio service this past April. Congratulations to Gary for reaching that milestone.

Tom Root, WA8UUJ, has become a member of our chapter. Tom winters in North Fort Myers, Florida, and summers back home in Michigan. Welcome to the QCWA



**Gary Wilson, WA8DAF (left) receiving 50-Year Certificate from Chapter Secretary, Don Cole, WA2JNM.**

Tom and we will see you soon.

This year's Field Day was a lot of fun for chapter members Stella J. Gurka, WB2FAU, Don Kilpatrick, W9LBY, Dave Penezic, WA4GUK and myself. We set up at the Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary in Punta Gorda, Florida, and operated W8OWS along side of many beautiful exotic animals. We have all heard of QRM and QRN but how about QR-Lion? The lion's roars really made for interesting communications both on the air and off the air.

**Tad Burik, K3QC, President**

### **Chapter 203, Gill Crossley (PA)**

Gil Crossley Chapter 203 held their spring meeting at Daves Restaurant in Hollidaysburg on May 9th with 20 members and guests present. Marty Johnson, W3YOZ, was presented with his Certificate for 50 Years Continuous membership and 50 years active as a ham. The next outing will be August 8th with a cruise on Lake Raystown. Sunday night nets continue to be held.

**Lois Gutshall WB3EFQ, Secretary**

### **Chapter 211, Neosho Valley (KS)**

Our photo shows two Award presentations.

**Gary Sherard, WA5FLV**

### **Chapter 213, Fresno (CA)**

Our monthly meetings are on the 4th Tuesday and Noon at Carrow's Restaurant, 4480 N. Blackstone in Fresno. All QCWA members are welcome to attend if they are in



**W9LBY left, WB2FAU center, and WA4GYK.**



*Bob Jenkins, W0WPL (R) receives his 50-Year and Century Club Awards from President, John Wood, W0UHL (L).*

the Fresno California area on our meeting day. Our meetings are very informal with an average attendance of 20 members and guests. We lost our good member Glenn Easley, W6NDR, who became a Silent Key in April. Glenn was the Treasurer of Mid Sierra Chapter 198 for many years before moving to Fresno due to health reasons. He was a member of both Chapter 198 and Chapter 213. May he rest in peace.

**Charles McConnell, W6DPD, Secretary/ Treasurer**

## **Chapter 214, Bluegrass (KY)**

The first half of 2009 has been a sad year for Chapter 214 with the loss of two of our members. In April Dave Vest, KZ4G Past President and founding member; and then in May Mike Pugh, KA4MKG. Both were valuable members to both QCWA and Chapter 214 and will be missed.

Condolences go out to the families of our recent Silent Keys.

The Chapter was well represented this year at the Dayton Hamvention with several visiting the QCWA booth and signing the visitor's log. Dave, K8DV, renewed his membership and upgraded to Life Membership as well. Pete, K4OM, reports that he is inching his way toward six meter DXCC. Matt, AA4XA, says after many years he is closing in on his 5 band DXCC.

Chapter 214 also welcomes its newest members, Mike, N7GEI, in Winchester, KY and Gregg, W8DUQ, in Barboursville, WV.

Chapter nominations and elections were held in January 2009 with K4OM Pete, and K8DV, Dave, being reelected as President and Secretary for another term.

The Chapter website continues to be a valuable resource for the Chapter as well as the Yahoo group. Plans are in the works for the Chapter to have a meeting at the Lexington Hamfest in August, as most of the membership will be attending.

In 2009 the Chapter will remain on the move throughout Kentucky. The Chapter banner should be flying at several hamfests.

**Dave Vest, K8DV, Secretary**

## **Chapter 217, The Villages (FL)**

Paid Members: Six (6). Membership down by six (6) from last year.

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each Month @ 1030AM EDT. The Veranda Cafe, Lake Sumter Landing Square, The Villages, FL.

Activities back to normal beginning June 01. All the Snowbirds have gone home and the weather has become VERY HOT. Go swimming, play golf (early) and relax. Enjoy life! Hopefully, no hurricanes this year!!

**Harold Lloyd, W4OE, Secretary/Treasurer**

## **Chapter 219, NEW-UP (MI)**

The Chapter held its annual meeting on May 9, 2009 at Perkins Restaurant in Menominee, Michigan. The Chapter was formed two years ago.

Dave Arnold, W8DXX, was reelected President of the Chapter. Jim Callow, K8IR takes over as Vice President, and John W. Anderson, WD8RTH, assumes the Secretary-Treasurer position.

The meeting included a discussion of how to recruit more members from the region. The Chapter membership roster now stands at 21.

The next meeting will be held on August 1st at the U.P. Hamfest in Escanaba, Michigan. A November meeting is planned in the Green Bay, Wisconsin area. A possible meeting at the Negaunee, Michigan Hamfest in February was discussed.

The Chapter net is held the first Saturday of the month on 3835 MHz at 4pm Central, 5pm Eastern Time.

Following the annual meeting, Chapter members toured the ham radio room at the D.A.R. Boys and Girls Club in Menominee, Michigan. The program, started by the M&M Amateur Radio Club, introduces Boys and Girls Club members to the amateur radio hobby. The K8DAR station is heard regularly on the air with the kids at the mike. The project has received awards from the Michigan Boys and Girls Club organization, and several youths

have received their ham licenses through the program. Several Chapter 219 members have helped out on this project.

**John Anderson, WD8RTH, Secretary**

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**NOTE:** Ruth Kibler Peck is a docent at the Dayton Art Institute. At the QCWA Chapter 9 Dinner in May, she presented a program about the Institute and a number of items in their collection.

### Additional 75-Year Award Winners!

*The following bios and photos were received too late for inclusion in the last issue of the Journal.*



**Dick Baldwin, W1RU, and Carl Watson, W1NV.**



**Pictured in the whole crew are (standing) Bill Mann, W1KX, Bruce Randall, W1ZE; Ed Wynne, N1WY; Bill Woodhead, N1KAT; Steve Kercel, AA4AK; (seated) Dick Baldwin, W1RU; and Carl Watson, W1NV.**

**Congratulations to Dick Baldwin, W1RU (75 years), and Carl Watson, W1NV (71 years), on their very long service in amateur radio.**

The Pine Tree Chapter recognized their exceptionally long service at Carl's 88th birthday party on April 17, 2009 in Damariscotta, ME. Dick was awarded a 75-Year plaque from QCWA, and Carl was awarded a framed 70-Year Certificate from QCWA.

Dick, W1RU, is well known to radio amateurs. He served as President of IARU from 1982 to 1999 and Secretary from 1976 to 1982. He is widely recognized as the driving force in securing the 30 meter allocation for amateur radio at the WARC '79 conference. He joined the ARRL Staff in 1948, rose to General Manager of ARRL in 1976, and retired from ARRL



in 1982. He currently lives in Damariscotta ME. In 2003 he was inducted into the CQ Magazine Hall of Fame.

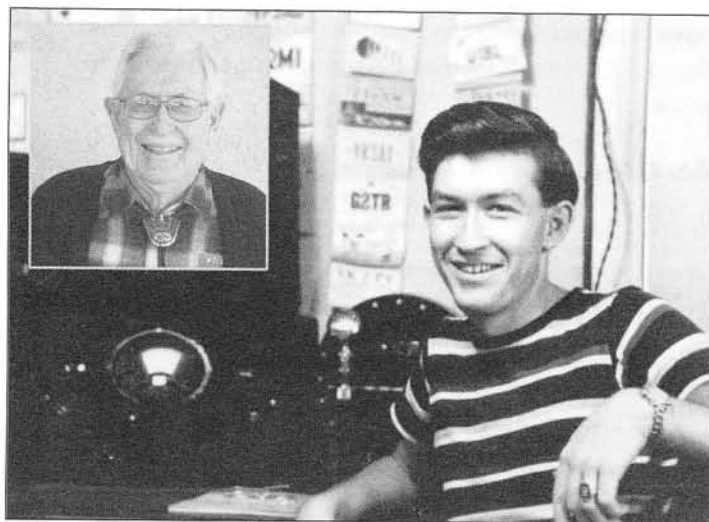
Carl, W1NV, has been very influential in both amateur and commercial radio in Maine. In WWII he served on flight crews for PanAm. During the war he was married in England, was parted from his wife after only 3 weeks, and did not see her again for three years. They were married for 50 years until her death. After the war, Carl ran a commercial radio business in Maine, and was responsible for most of the public service radios (fire, police, etc.) in Midcoast Maine. He has also served as a Deputy Sheriff of Lincoln County. Carl is currently retired in Damariscotta.

## Lyle Brown received his 75th Anniversary Award in June at Chapter 16's meeting in Prescott, AZ.

The following is a brief history of Lyle Brown, W7LGB, and Amateur Radio: I got started in ham radio while attending junior high school. The Boy's Vice Principal was a ham and had a station, W6YAM, set up in the Electric Shop. The bread board, 40 meter cw rig, was built by Faust Gonsett, W6VR. It was crystal controlled and had a 50 watt amplifier output tube. The receiver was a National SW3.

I had a very good friend who also was interested in ham radio. We sent cw to each other on a buzzer and finally had the speed up to 10 wpm. He became W6KRA and myself, W6KRB. It was in March 1934 and I was 14 years old. We finally were able to operate the rig at school.

A little about Faust Gonsett, W6VR. He lived about five blocks away from us and we used to visit him and watch him build ham equipment for sale. It was on a bench in his garage. I remember one item was a 160 meter, AM rig, with about 100 watts input. It looked beautiful in a small rack designed to sit



Lyle Brown at 17. Then W6KRB, now W7LGB. Inset: Lyle Brown, W7LGB, now at 90.

on a desk. Faust Gonsett was still going to Los Angeles High School while doing the above. Of course, later on, he went into manufacturing ham radio equipment. I believe that the call, W6VR, now belongs to Faust Gonsett's son.

My own very first receiver was a National SW3 which cost about \$17.00 from Henry Radio. Subsequently, I had Patterson PR-10 which had the first S-meter that I had ever seen - it was beautiful! This was followed by the Patterson PR-14 receiver seen in the accompanying picture. I had Patterson receivers since they were built in Los Angeles and my Dad knew one of the engineers!

The accompanying picture was taken when I was about 17 years old. The receiver is the Patterson PR-14. The rig was a wooden rack that I built. The final amplifier was an Eimac 150T with about 500 watts output. The antenna was a 20 meter, 2 element beam with wire elements strung on bamboo

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# Random Recollections of an Old Ham

## The Appendixes

(continued from the Summer 2009 Issue of the QCWA Journal)

*A Journalistic History of The Life and Times in Amateur Radio of George Hart, W1NJM*  
by George Hart, W1NJM

*The last issue of the Journal completed the main section of George Hart's "Random Recollections of an Old Ham". George continued writing and added another 70 plus pages of what he called "The Appendixes". George identified the material as a "...supplement to the mail text. This may include corrective text, afterthoughts memories, text of addresses or talks...". He noted that "... no attempt is made to observe continuity or chronology...". I hope you enjoy this added material. 73 Chuck, K1IGD, QCWA General Manager.*

### THE SCRANTON TRIPLETS

In my early years of hamming, in the late 20s before I was licensed and using brother Ed's transmitter illegally, I often contacted the same stations over and over. Principal among these were W8BQE, W8BCM in Deposit, NY, who always asked how his signal compared with other signals on the band; W3CFG in Cranbury, NJ, with his outstanding buzz-saw signal; Ed Raser, W3ZI, in Trenton, NJ, who in later years became an Atlantic Division ARRL director and a personal friend; Don Lusk, W3ZF, and Jack Morgan, W3QP, in Philadelphia; both of whom became SCMs in the Eastern Pennsylvania Section; Fran Rice, W3AKB, one of the first licensed YL's in amateur radio, who later married Eppa Darne, W3BWT, in Washington, DC, one of the first OM-YL marriages. I met all of these on the air first, some of them in person later.

Then there were the Scranton "triplets": John Eliot, W8CWO; Sid Koran, W8AWO, and Ira Hemingway, W8DHT. These three, when first contacted, all had a.c. signals that sounded exactly alike. Ed and I used to opine that they were all using the same transmitter, because nearly all signals then sounded different in some respect. As the years passed I lost contact with all three of them, but the latter two popped up later. I had the impression that John, W8CWO, was an older man, but that Sid and Ira were "kids" my own age.

The first one of the triplets I met in person was "Ike" Hemingway. I discovered he was a student at Scranton Central High School, and one year the Easton High football team went to Scranton to play Scranton Central. Ike and I arranged to meet at the football field in Scranton where they were to play and watch the game together. This must have been in 1931, because I drove my 1931 Model A Ford convertible coupe. At the appointed time and place I found a tall, scrawny redheaded kid with a copy of QST sticking out of his pocket. We stood staring in awe at each other for a moment, then grinned and shook hands. As usual, he wasn't at all

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what I had expected, and vice versa. This was an experience repeated many times during my long amateur radio career: an impression created by listening to a "fist" and later to a voice was completely disrupted by a personal encounter.

Ike and I spent the afternoon together watching the football game, sitting among the Scranton rooters for the first half, among the relatively few Easton rooters the second half. Easton won easily, 26-0. The stadium, if it could be called that, was only about half full and I believe was not owned by the high school but by the city, and was not in good repair. I'm afraid I bragged a little about our own Easton High (Cottingham) Stadium just across 12th street from the high school and that we played our "big" games at Lafayette's Fisher Stadium on the campus. I was very much interested in football then and still am, but only in high school and college football, never in the professional "play for pay" version, which is more a business than a sport with its utterly ridiculous salaries. But my interest was only as a spectator, never as a player - except in an occasional pick-up or sandlot capacity.

After the game we went our separate ways. I didn't meet Ike again for many years, but Sid Koran showed up as a student at Penn State and "looked me up" when I arrived there as a freshman in 1932. I recall Sid as a short guy, and our personal acquaintance was a brief one. He was one year ahead of me and I believe a member of the W8YA group but I saw little of him.

Ike Hemingway came to the fore again many years later when he showed up at one of our CWA "Open House" meetings. It was a surprise reunion. I thought the name was familiar when he was introduced (as W1HUM) and we quickly re-established our acquaintanceship. Ike became a CWA member and a close friend for a few years. He was still redheaded, of course, but no longer scrawny, an executive of some kind at Aetna Life Insurance Co. in Hartford. Ike was an expert with the

"sideswiper" key, which is manipulated laterally instead of vertically as the normal telegraph key. He was quite active on the air as W1HUM and could wiggle that sideswiper at incredible speeds. His only equal in my experience was Charlie Service, W4IE, who served for a few years at ARRL HQ during WWII as an assistant secretary. Charlie used a popular diminutive version of the sideswiper called a "cooty" key.

Where are they all now? Most of them, of course, are "Silent Keys." But in amateur radio as in all phases of life people come and go, friendships and acquaintanceships flare up and diminish and die out, only occasionally to be re-established, usually by accident or coincidence.

## RUNNING AWAY WITH BETTY

Andy and Betty Clark were personal friends of long standing. I first met them when they visited ARRL headquarters, some time in the 60s not long after their marriage. I believe it was one of those times when I was called upon by the receptionist to entertain visitors. All staff members, except the top executives "took turns" at this chore, and even the "biggies" had to do it when the visitor was someone important. I hated it with a passion because it interrupted my work, but I was never excused for that reason. We were all kept very busy and entertaining visitors was a necessary function. I was plagued with it from the time I started work as second flunkey at W1AW in 1938 until I was appointed communications manager in 1967.

But Andy and Betty were different. Andy was deeply involved in the public service aspects of amateur radio, so we had a lot in common. Betty was not yet licensed but was a very vivacious and outgoing friendly person. I hit it off with them instantly and we maintained close personal friendship for many years. They were married ten years before any children came along, then they had six in less than five years, including two sets of twins. Poor Betty, it must have been tough, but all six children were healthy, as was Betty herself, and several of them in later years became licensed hams, as did Betty. They lived in Miami Springs, FL, near the airport where Andy worked as a CW operator for Arinc, Inc. They were a devoted and loving couple and I put a high value on our friendship. I visited them every time I visited Florida.

One of the functions in which they, and later their growing brood, were heavily involved was the annual hamfest known as the Tropical Hamboree. This was one of the bigger amateur radio get-togethers in the nation and was usually designated an official ARRL convention. Many headquarters staff members were in attendance every year, both officially and unofficially for the League. Although public service was often cited as a major theme of the convention, for some reason I was never asked for. This seemed strange to me, since I was the principal advocate of public service at ARRL headquarters at the time, but I kept my mouth shut for several years, then I mentioned it to the perennial convention chairman, Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR. She promptly agreed that I should be in attendance and promised to request my attendance in an official capacity at the next Hamboree.

The exact details of our "plan" to run off together are a little

vague in memory. I think I consulted Andy by mail regarding plans for the public service program at the convention and received a reply from Betty saying that she would see that Andy got my letter but he was so busy she seldom saw him, and that she was also fearfully busy with convention plans and taking care of her children. "Sometimes," she said, "I wish I could chuck the whole business."

I acknowledged and proposed that when I came down she should meet me at the airport and we would run off together to some secluded island in the Caribbean where we could live a life of carefree leisure.

I was joking, of course, never dreamed she would take me seriously, but when I deplaned and entered the airport on my arrival, there stood Betty, a large suitcase alongside her. She was unable to keep a straight face, however, and broke into laughter. Andy and Dale Stricter, the ARRL Southwestern Division director, appeared from behind a couple of posts and joined us, laughing hard. "You should have seen your face," said Dale, "when you saw Betty standing there with her suitcase. Funniest thing I ever saw. Wish we could have taken a picture of it." I grinned in what I hoped was a disarming manner. "I knew right away it was a gag," I protested. "Sure you did. Sure you did."

Betty and Andy half-apologized, said Dale had put them up to it. We all went out for dinner together and had a great time at the convention. But Dale never tired of telling the story. I admit, in retrospect, that I was a little embarrassed, but I think I carried it off well.

Andy, Betty and I remained on very friendly terms for many years, until Andy and I had a difference of opinion as to how the public service mission of amateur radio should be carried out. We remained friends but gradually drifted apart, but I'll always remember Andy and Betty Clark among my host of amateur radio friends, past and present.

### Corrections to page 13 of the Summer 2009 Journal. We apologize to the Maxwell family for the following errors:

Bottom left hand photo: It says 'in 1938'. The correct date is 1957, as shown in the caption below the photo.

William "Bill" Maxwell's call sign is shown as W8YNH. The correct call is W8YNG.

In the photo of the family, Bill's call sign is shown as W@WM. The correct call is W2WM.

In the caption below the family photo, Rick's ex-calls are shown as W8GRN and WB2HKH. The correct ex-calls are WB4GMR and WB2HKX, respectively.



# Chapters On The Air!

NUM NAME	DAY	TIME	NCS	FREQ	NUM NAME	DAY	TIME	NCS	FREQ
FL SSB	SAT	1300Z	W4KOG	3955	89 PALMETTO STATE Chapter	SAT	0843L	N4RM	3930
QCWA SSB	SUN	2000Z	varies	14347	89 PALMETTO Chapter	SUN	1700L	N4RM	3695
FL SSB	WED	1500Z	W4NWF	7274	91 VIC CLARK Chapter	SUN	0900L	VARIES	146.79 -
CONEX	SUN	0815L	W2NBT	3917	102 DAKOTA Chapter	SUN	1400Z	VARIES	3889
QCWA CW (Eastern Time Zone)	WED	2000L	N6SL	7.035	106 GERMAN Chapter	MON	1630Z	DLOOCW	3773
1 CLEVELAND Chapter	WED	2000L	W8LYD	146.85 -	106 GERMAN Chapter	TUE	1730Z	DL1MEB	3576
2 CHICAGO AREA Chapter	1stTh	2130L	W9MOL	147.15 +	107 CENTRAL FL	SAT	0900L	W4LHP	7243
5 DELAWARE VALLEY Chapter	SUN	0945L	WA3DSP	3917	107 CENTRAL FL	THUR	1230L	W4LHP	14245
6 PITTSBURGH Chapter	SUN	0830L	N3GHI	147.03 +	108 BEAVER STATE Chapter	WED	0800L	VARIES	3854
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1000L	W6ZRZ	147.360 +	109 BATON ROUGE Chapter	SUN	2000L	VARIES	146.79 -
			ECHOLINK 8722		109 BATON ROUGE Chapter	SUN	0800L	VARIES	3905
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1000L	W6ZRZ	446.24-	110 KANSAS Chapter	SAT	0730L	NOLL	3920
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1100L	K6CD	7034	111 W PALM BEACH Chapter	T,TH,SAT	1900L	VARIES	147.045 +
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	0900L	W6LPJ	3917			pl 110.9		
8 UPPER MIDWEST Chapter	SAT	0800L	W00FY	3908	112 YANKEE Chapter	SUN	0830L	W1GCA	3906
8 UPPER MIDWEST Chapter	SAT	0900L	NOGI	145.45 -	114 NORTH TEXAS Chapter	SAT	0830L	WA5BXH	3933
	Sep-May	0900L	NOGI	145.450	119 TIDEWATER VA	SUN	2100L	WQ4CWA	146.790 -
	echo link #89680	NOVBE	145.450		119 TIDEWATER VA	SUN	0800L	WQ4CWA	3947
9 SOUTHWEST OH	SUN	1330L	W8TIV	3975	123 LEE DEFOREST Chapter	SAT	0730L	VARIES	3940
10 MICHIGAN Chapter	SUN	0800L	VARIES	3.903	126 PIEDMONT Chapter	SAT	0845L	VARIES	3825
10 MICHIGAN Chapter	SUN	1430L	VARIES	3.530	128 PELICAN Chapter	SAT	0900L	VARIES	145.29 -
11 NORTHERN CA	SAT	1000L	WB6IMX	146.85 -	130 INLAND EMPIRE	WED	1930L	W6HV	1896
11 NORTHERN CA	SUN	0930L	WA6AFT	3907	130 INLAND EMPIRE	SAT	0800L	W6HV	3917
14 SAN DIEGO Chapter	WED	2000L	VARIES	146.640 -	130 INLAND EMPIRE	FRI	1600L	W6HV	3917
16 ARIZONA Chapter	SUN	0700L	W7LGB	3890	134 PINE TREE	SUN	1400L	VARIES	3942
17 ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM	SUN	1200L	W3GOS	3990	135 MID-MICHIGAN Chapter	TUE	2000L	VARIES	146.70 -
19 MISSOURI Chapter	WED	1900L	W9BEL	147.360	138 MARCONI Chapter	TUE	2100L	VARIES	147.045+
20 Chesapeake	THU	2000L	KR3AB	146.76 -	140 WYOMING Chapter	SAT	0800L	AB7BJ	3923
				pl 107.2	146 TWIN STATE Chapter	SUN	0830L	VARIES	3912
21 CANTON OH Chapter	THU	1930L	VARIES	145.11 -	146 TWIN STATE Chapter	THUR	1900L	VARIES	146.76 -
25 NEBRASKA	SAT	0830L	VARIES	3.982	149 NUTMEG Chapter	SUN	1030L	W1EFW	3923
28 CENTRAL NY/ENDLESS MTNS	SUN	1030L	VARIES	3.917	150 DEL-MAR-VA Chapter	SUN	0900L	NQ4Q	146.820 -
30 SOUTH CHARLESTON - WV	SUN	1500L	VARIES	3.865	151 WILD ROSE Chapter	MON	1900L	VARIES	3747
31 READING,PA Chapter	MON	2100L	VARIES	146.91 -	152 ROYAL PALM Chapter	MWF	1630L	K4FA	14190
32 GATOR Chapter	SAT	0900L	VARIES	145.29 -	160 UTAH Chapter	SAT	1100L	VARIES	7272
33 GUNDERSON PENN-JRSEY	DAILY	2000L	W3APE	3987	162 SOUTHEAST WI	THUR	2100L	N9NBC	147.27+
33 GUNDERSON-PENN-JRSEY	DAILY	1000L	W3APE	14263	165 YORK COUNTY PA	WED	2100L	W3EDO	147.33+
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65 NIAGARA FRONTIER	SUN	1330L	W2QI	3900	211 NEOSHO VALLEY Chapter	SAT	0900C	VARIES	3907
67 AUSTIN Chapter	SAT	0900L	W5MDL	3920					EXCEPT 4TH SAT
70 NATIONAL CAPITAL	MON	1930L	VE3QCW	147.030-	212 MID-OHIO	2nd THU	1930L	VARIES	146.760 -
76 BLUE RIDGE Chapter	SAT	0845L	K4HU	3.740 Mhz					pl 123.0
79 SUNFLOWER Chapter	WED	2100L	VARIES	146.82 -	213 FRESNO CA	4TH MON	1930L	VARIES	146.850-
81 LONG ISLAND QCWA Chapter	FRI	2030L	W2TLC	146.745 -					pl 141.3
81 LONG ISLAND Chapter	SUN	1130L	W2TLC	3917	213 FRESNO CA	4th MON	1930L	WQ6CWA	443.250 +
85 ARK-LA-TEX	CST MON	1930L	WA9PZL	146.670 -					pl 107.2
85 ARK-LA-TEX	CDT MON	2000L	WA9PZL	146.670 -					

# Novice History

## The First Novice DXCC

Part 7 in a Series for the QCWA Journal

**Novice Historical Society, [www.Novice.bappy.com](http://www.Novice.bappy.com)**

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*Headnote – Many hobbies like amateur radio do not have a well documented “history.” This “history” was compiled from many sources (see endnote); some of them are contradictory. This history is incomplete and should be regarded as a work in progress. There is an absence of YL, minorities, disabled hams and hams from the U.S. territories in this history for they are historically under-represented in ham radio.*

In our last article, number 6, in the QCWA Novice History Series, we discussed the biggest prize of the Novice era (1951-2000), the first Novice to earn the American Radio Relay League's DX Century Club award (ARRL DXCC). We identified in the previous issue success factors that the first Novice DXCC would have to have. We revealed in the previous article that the first novice to achieve this honor was Bill Tippet, KN4RID, in 1958, now W4ZV. In this article, we shall discuss how Bill did it.

The Series is based on the stories and photos shared by hams who started as novices on the website of the Novice Historical Society (The Society), [www.Novice.bappy.com](http://www.Novice.bappy.com). Please visit and share your own Novice story and photos.

Twelve year old Bill Tippet received KN4RID somewhere between late July 1957 to early August 1957. Bill and family lived in Greensboro, North Carolina. His father was very interested in ham radio but had not gotten his license – at that point. He was very supportive of Bill and bought him a Johnson Ranger transmitter and Hammarlund HQ-100 receiver with a folded 40M dipole and 4-5 crystals. Bill's first station was a typical Novice station. Bill sent his first CQ on August 15, 1957. Of course the first country for most of us was our own U.S.A. which Bill worked in August 1957.

His first DX contact, outside of the U.S., was G8DI on September 10, 1957 on 21.108 mc. Bill was 579 into Liverpool, England. H.W. Simpson, G8DI was 379 into Greensboro. Up until then, Bill had called several DX such stations such as EI4A but did not get replies. After working his first DX, Bill was less interested in working local American stations; his log showed almost no other 40M activity. Bill worked 7 other countries that September. Keep in mind Cycle 19 offered the best propagation in the history of amateur radio.

Bill's father was supportive of his son's interest in DX; buying a \$600 Collins 75A-4 receiver and building him a dedicated shack in the garage with a Telrex TB-7E trapless yagi; 2 elements on 20M and 15M, 3 elements on 10M. The yagi was on a 50 ft. homebrew mast using an armstrong rotor. Bill was now catapulted from a typical Novice station into having a very competitive station in the greatest band opening of recorded amateur radio history!

By October 1957, Bill had worked 25 countries. November 1957 was a pivotal month for Bill. On November 27, 1957, he worked ZL1AMO, Ron Wright, later to become a well-known

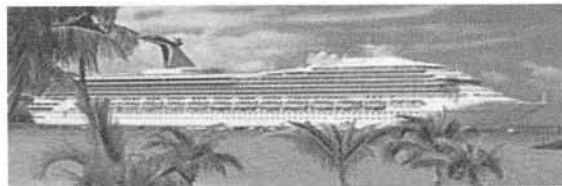
DX-peditioner. On November 29, 1957, Bill worked his first rare country - CR7BH, Mozambique, operated by Ron Wright. Bill had worked 53 countries; 28 countries since the previous month. That month in QST (Nov. 1957) ON4KT reported hearing Bill and other American Novices. This report and Bill's Elmer, Stan Johnson, W4ZH, planted a seed in Bill's mind about becoming the first Novice to earn the DXCC.

Bill worked RAEM Russia - Ernst Krenkel, on December 1, 1957. Ernst who was on the North Pole DX-pedition the year before and a Hero of the Soviet Union, wrote on his QSL – “Bill 12 years, Ernst 54 years, Dear Bill! I wish you become famous amateur. 73, Ernst.” Ernst's wish would come true! By the end of 1957, Bill had worked 57 countries.

January 1958 saw the addition of three more countries to Bill's growing list of countries worked; bringing the total to 60. Bill added 9 more countries in February; total 69. Of note was another rare one on February 23, 1958, VS9AE in Aden, now called Yemen.

The propagation in March and April of 1958 was exceptional even by 1958 standards according to Bill's recollection. Of particular note this month were three contacts Bill made. The first was 5A1TS U.S. forces at Wheelus Air Force Base in Libya, operator Bob Arceneaux on March 19, 1958. Then, FE8AH, Jacques Leroux in French Cameroun, on March 26, 1958. The most rare was KC4AF, Navassa Island, in the Caribbean, one of the first

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One year ago this month we speculated editorially on the possibility of a Novice ever joining ARRL's DX Century Club. It did seem remote at the time; there were many who deemed the odds too great. But KN4RID (now K4RID) put an end to such conjecture by turning the trick with his Ranger, 75A-4 and three-element 21-Mc. rotary. ARRL staffer W1ICP, who obtained this picture, is told by Billy's dad that the young OM's school grades improve in direct proportion to his interest in amateur radio. Truly, *labor omnia vincit*—we are assured that KN4RID's achievement comes strictly solo.

**November 1958**



*The first Novice to join the ARRL's DX Century Club, KN4RID in 1958. Used by permission: Courtesy November 1958 QST.*

DX-peditions. Bill worked them on March 30, 1958. Navassa's prefix is now KP1. It is currently the third most needed DXCC country.

Keeping in mind there was a delay for something to be published, in March QST 1958 reported Bill as having worked 58 countries and confirmed 21 (pp. 66).

By April 1958, Bill had worked 108 countries. On April 6, 1958, he worked Bob, VK9RR, Papua Island in the Pacific ocean. On April 14, 1958, Bill worked his 100th country KR6AK, Cas on Okinawa. That same day he also worked the very first station to activate Mongolia (JT1AA). Bill worked KP6AL, Palmyra island in the Pacific ocean (operator Jack, KH6CC) on April 24, 1958. Many years later Bill would regularly work Jack KH6CC on his favorite 160M band.

On April 25, 1958, Bill worked Dick Young, KB6BJ (another famous operator W3PZW). Back then, KB6 was the prefix for Canton Island, in the mid-Pacific. On Bill's QSL to Dick, he wrote - "Dear Dick, Thanks very much for a nice QSO. I am working for the DXCC as a Novice. I have enough countries if they all send cards. So please send me your card as soon as possible. 73, Bill." Of course Dick did QSL and Fred Laun K3ZO kindly returned Bill's original QSL many years later.

By May 1958, Bill was now up to 112 countries.

By June 1958, Bill worked 117 countries; including three suspected bootleggers; more on the bootleggers later. Bill's father drove him to the FCC office in Norfolk, VA for Bill to take his General. His Dad (later to become K4FPA) had a lead foot and got his first radar speeding ticket on the way. The police had disguised the radar in a fake mailbox with the name "I.B. Radar." Bill passed his General. He used almost all the entire year of his Novice to earn the DXCC. He had only weeks to spare before his Novice expired. Keep in mind, the Novice in this period not only expired in one year, but also was non-renewable. One could not get a second Novice; in that period. If one did not live near an exam site or the circuit FCC examiners only came to a city near you once or twice a year, you would have to plan accordingly.

By July 1958 Bill had worked a total of 125 DXCC countries. In this month, a large envelope from the W4 QSL Bureau arrived. In it Bill got many new ones making a total of 102. With 102 QSLs in hand, Bill immediately submitted his DXCC application in July.

ARRL sent Lew McCoy, W1ICP, to Greensboro to attend a celebratory dinner in honor of Bill's achievement held by Greensboro Radio Club. Lew may have been checking up on Bill's application because QST had made an error in announcing the first Novice to earn the Worked All States (WAS) award. QST printed a retraction in May 1952 (pp. 70) for incorrectly stating who was the first Novice to earn the WAS award. QST re-stated "so far as we know Norma Jean (Guile, WN1UBM, now W1UBM) deserves credit for this "first." Bill obviously passed inspection and was issued DXCC certificate #3717 on August 8, 1958. All 102 QSLs were accepted and Bill became the first Novice to earn the DXCC award! November QST (1958) ran a picture of Bill and his Novice station announcing his achievement as the first Novice DXCC.

Ten countries did not QSL. Of those ten, Bill suspects VR2JI, KP6AK/VR4 and VR1B were bootleggers. All 3 "DX" stations were worked in June 1958, and had 599 signals; which he believed were too strong to be genuine. The Society asked call-sign historian Steve Melachrinis, W3HF to look up these call-signs. Steve said VR2JI, Fuji Island, was not listed in the Callbook in this time period. Further, the last call in the Fiji sequence was VR2DL. There was a KP6AK, Otto H. Hornung, Jr. but whether or not Otto was really portable VR4 is unknown, but there were no other reports of his VR4 activity. VR1B was not listed in the Callbook in this time period. VR1A and VR1C were issued in the Gilbert Islands, but not VR1B. There is a good chance, these QSOs were with bootleggers who may have been having some fun at Bill's expense.

In 1959, Bill submitted 12 additional QSLs earned as a Novice. All twelve were accepted and Bill was issued a 110 country endorsement sticker on July 20, 1959. At this point, Bill had 114 confirmed countries as a Novice. Bill eventually received another QSL and confirmed a total of 115 countries as a Novice. Since next endorsement level was 120 countries, Bill did not have enough Novice QSLs to get the next endorsement. In 1960, Bill

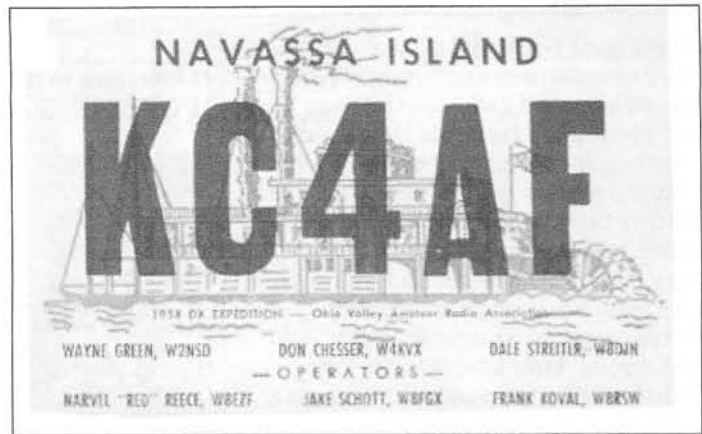


submitted as a General, K4RID. His K4RID listing with 256 countries confirmed replaced his KN4RID listing (QST, Dec. 1960).

The honor of being the first Novice to DXCC could only be earned once in the history of our hobby. There were undoubtedly many Novices seeking this honor. A few subsequently earned the DXCC while still a Novice; some of them will be discussed in the next issue. We are still attempting to identify and invite those hams to share their stories, [www.Novice.bappy.com](http://www.Novice.bappy.com). There were also Novices who got their DXCC using their Novice QSL cards plus more cards they earned as a General. ...Then there are the rest of us, whose DX-ing as Novices were not as spectacular as Bill Tippet's. We have a large tent in the history of the Novice era. Those hams are invited to share their Novice DX stories. In a subsequent issue of *QCWA Journal* we will look at other Novice DX stories. We also invite general stories as well. Further articles in this series will cover the early-1960s, early Novice callsigns, the mid- and late-1960s, early-, mid- and late-1970s, and the 1980s to 2000 when the FCC stopped issuing Novices.

**References** – See the disclaimer in the headnote. Most of the history in this series is based on stories told by Novices of the era on the website of the Novice Historical Society, [www.Novice.bappy.com](http://www.Novice.bappy.com). Steve Melachrinis, W3HF's callsign history research has been invaluable in documenting historical facts that have shaped this series. The background information in this series comes from several sources. One of the main background sources is Bill Continelli, W2XOY's "The Wayback Machine" <http://ham-shack.com/history.html> amateur radio history series. Rodney Dinkins, AC6V's (SK) outline was helpful, [www.ac6v.com/](http://www.ac6v.com/). Ron Thomas, W8QYR, wrote an insightful piece on ham radio in the 1950s in October 1995 issue of QST and a similar piece in 2006. In May 1994 issue of QST, Phil Sager, WB4EDT and Rick Palm, K1CE, wrote a history of ham radio licensing which was a helpful reference for this history. In the back of his licensing manuals, Gordon West, WB6NOA, provided specific details about the history of licensing requirements.

Cliff Cheng, Ph.D., AC6C, has been a happy ham since 1975 when he earned his novice license, WN6JPA, at John Burroughs

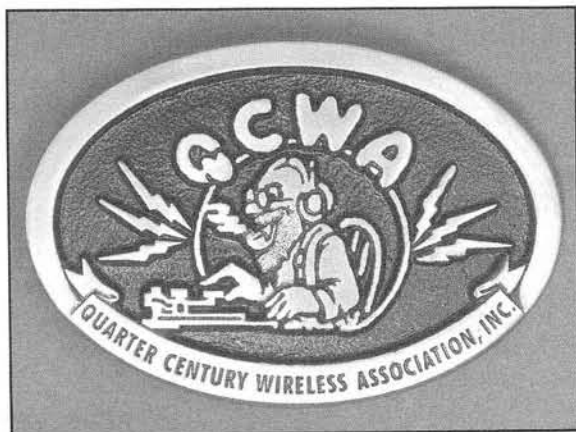


QSL card.

Jr. High School in Los Angeles, CA. Cliff's teacher, Ted Ryan, WB6JXY (SK), was a ham radio teacher for 35 years and grew a large and rich ham radio culture at school by teaching 6 novice classes a year, plus another 6 Novice classes a year for the San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club, W6SD. Ted's memorial site also contains Novice history, [www.TedRyan.bappy.com](http://www.TedRyan.bappy.com). Cliff started the Novice Historical Society so hams could share their novice stories and pictures, [www.Novice.bappy.com](http://www.Novice.bappy.com). Please visit Cliff's personal ham site where he has a whole section on the fun he had as a Novice, <http://ac6c.cliff.googlepages.com>. Cliff recently put up a webpage to honor Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ (sk) who historically was one of ham radio's most significant YLs, [www.KI6CM.bappy.com](http://www.KI6CM.bappy.com). Cliff is a QCWA (33455) and ARRL life member. July 2008 QST, (pp. 65) named Cliff to the top of the Public Service Honor Roll, under his old callsign WW6CC. Please visit Cliff's novice history website and share your novice story; after following the submission guidelines.

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DONAHUE, NELSON E	W4RU	20544		DOTHAN	AL
EISLEY, GLENN E	W6NDR	26194		FRESNO	CA
FIELD, DONALD G	W2UAE	07645	L	LAWRENCEVILLE	NJ
FIGGINS, W DEAN	WA7EPU	20268	L	LAS CRUCES	NM
FINK, JULIAN D	KC2QJ	32821		BOYNTON BEACH	FL
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HENSON, M J	W6NKR	03224	L	SACRAMENTO	CA
HOFMANN, FLOYD N	W9EX	07546	L	ATHENS	IL
HUTTON, LOUIS I	K7YZZ	13616	L	BELLEVUE	WA
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JOHANSON, LLOYD M	KD7EM	32107		PORTLAND	OR
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RIGBY, MERLE L	K2AOV	26302		ENDICOTT	NY
ROBINSON, HARRY W	W2AZ	14164	L	VINELAND	NJ
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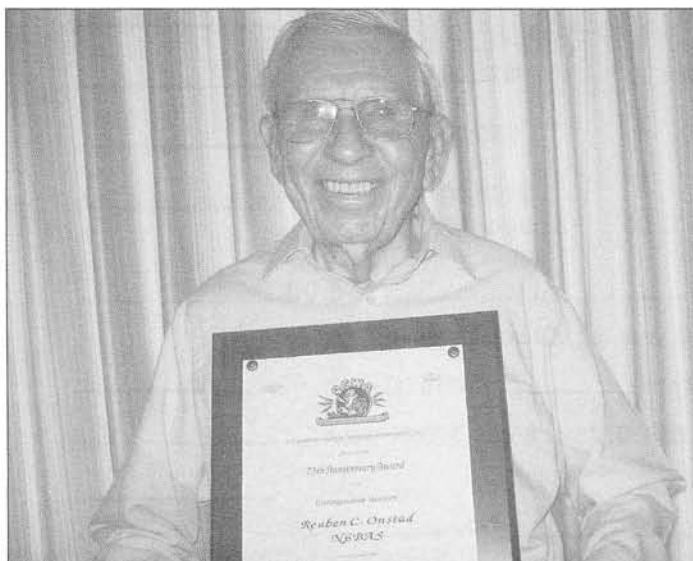
poles. It rotated on skate wheels and turned by ropes down to our back porch. The whole thing was mounted on the peak of our roof of our one story home. I loved chasing DX on 20 meter CW and AM phone! I have been an active ham all my life since being 14 years old. This May I turned 90 years old and am shooting for 100!

### **Reuben Onstad, N6BAS, Receives his 75-Year Award!**

I received my first Ham license through tuning in to W9BSP in Olathe, Kansas, who provided code practice sessions to anyone interested in getting familiar with the code. It was a cold winter in a small town in Northern Minnesota as my older brother and I became more proficient with the Morse code. In the spring of 1934 we traveled to Fargo, North Dakota, about 45 miles distant to take the required FCC exam. We passed the exam and subsequently received our Amateur radio licenses in the mail.

We shared a bedroom, which also became a shared ham-shack. Eventually my brother relocated his station downtown where he operated a radio repair shop. My first station consisted of a simple home-brew receiver with a regenerative detector followed by an audio output stage and a transmitter that consisted of a breadboard mounted self-excited oscillator coupled directly to a single wire swung between trees. Parts were cannibalized from old broadcast radios as much as possible and more specialized components were mail-ordered from Parts amateur radio suppliers, such as Lafayette in Chicago, I operated CW on the 160 meter band. Unfortunately, a strong wind one day caused the frequency to shift sufficiently to result in out-of-band operation and I was cited by the FCC.

A few years later in January 1942 in Minneapolis, Minnesota attending the University of Minnesota waiting for the draft board to decide my fate, in looking for other options I noticed an item in the Minneapolis paper concerning the U.S. Navy wanting licensed Radio Amateurs to enlist as second class petty officers after passing a technical test and the usual physical. So, after meeting the requirements I joined up and was soon on my way to boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois



**Reuben Onstad, N6BAS**

and, subsequently, the Navy Radio Materiel School at Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA. It was nice to leave the cold mid-west and arrive at the comparative warmth of San Francisco Bay. It was fun to study this new thing radar in the fellowship of fellow radio hams! After completing a six month course I was promoted to Radio Technician first class and eventually assigned to the Aviation Branch of the Navy. After serving assignments in San Pedro, CA, Litchfield Park, AZ and Okinawa, I received my Honorable Discharge as a Chief Petty Officer in 1945.

In 1946 I resumed my education at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1949 with a B.E.E. degree. I was working for the Bureau of Reclamation as an Electrical Engineer in 1950 when I was recalled to the Navy during the Korean War, having joined the Naval Reserve while attending the U. of M. I served for 18 months teaching Radar at the Fleet training School in San Diego, CA whereupon I received my second Honorable Discharge from the Navy in 1952.

I was hired by Convair in 1952. Convair (later to become General Dynamics) had just received an Air Force contract to develop and build the Atlas ICBM. My first assignment was as an Electronic Engineer on the Atlas design team. Later I specialized in Telemetry design.

I worked on a number of programs at General Dynamics in San Diego winding up my career in the design of checkout equipment for the F-16 Air Force Aircraft. Ultimately I was a Field Service Engineer on the same Program in Norway and Belgium. I operated my own ham station with the call letters, LA0CN in Norway and ON8UO in Belgium.

Since my retirement from General Dynamics I have been active in ARES, served as a Volunteer Examiner, was Secretary of QCWA Chapter 14 and, at present, I am Trustee of the club station.

In retrospect, being a radio amateur is and has been an asset. I have given to Amateur Radio but I have received much:

- From the U.S. Government that has reserved a large portion of the radio spectrum for the exclusive use of radio amateurs
- From the U.S. Navy that during WWII recognized the potential possessed by radio amateurs and thus enabled me to get valuable training and experience while serving my country.
- From code practice provided by radio amateur W9BSP that enabled me to get my first license.
- From my older brother, WB0HQI, who assisted and encouraged me.

I am grateful for the many friendships I've formed over the years with Radio Amateurs, especially for those who helped me with antennas as I set up stations in San Diego, Norway and Belgium.

At the age of 94, and in good health, I'm looking forward to operating my ham station through the peak of the next sunspot cycle!

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